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BACK HOME

Jürgen Klopp proudly hoists the European Cup aloft as the Reds parade the trophy on their triumphant homecoming tour. The boss described the 2-0 win over Tottenham Hotspur in Madrid as "the best night of my life professionally." Klopp followed Bob Paisley, Joe Fagan and Rafa Benitez in leading Liverpool FC to glory in the tournament.




MENTALITY
MONSTERS
El Corte Inglés



BOSS DAY

Singer Jamie Webster sets the mood with a vibrant set at the Reds' fan park at the Plaza Felipe II in Madrid on the afternoon of the final. Thousands of Reds soaked up the atmosphere with incredible footage of the occasion doing the rounds on social media. Allez Allez Allez!

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RED RIBBONS

Manager Jürgen Klopp and captain Jordan Henderson return to Liverpool with an old friend. The duo are all smiles as they descend the steps at Liverpool John Lennon Airport with the European Cup, resplendent in those beautiful red, red ribbons.



OUR CITY

An incredible image of the team's homecoming parade as the Reds' open-top bus makes its way down by the waterfront. The spine-tingling photo was taken by club photographer Nick Taylor from the rooftop of the Liverpool Hilton Hotel.


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NEED TO KNOW



A spotter's guide to the less obvious stuff – guaranteed to impress your friends and family for weeks

• Jürgen Klopp's starting line-up in Madrid – Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Robertson, van Dijk, Matip, Henderson, Fabinho, Wijnaldum, Firmino, Mane, Salah – will go down in history as Liverpool's sixth European Cup-winning team, but it was the first time that those eleven players had started a game together.

• Liverpool 2 Tottenham Hotspur 0 was the first competitive game the Reds have ever played in the month of June having previously played in the other 11 calendar months.

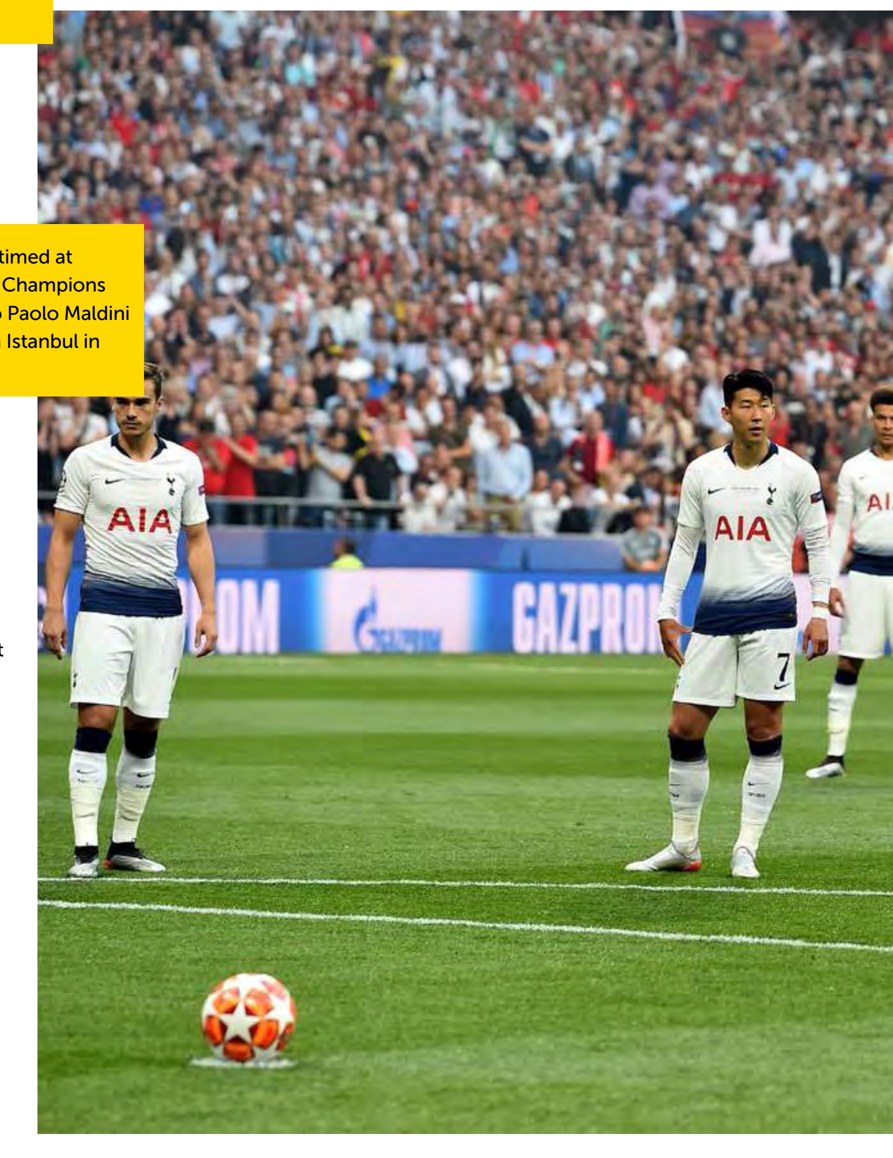
• Mo Salah's goal from the penalty spot was timed at 01:48, making it the second quickest goal in Champions League final history. The quickest belongs to Paolo Maldini who netted for AC Milan against Liverpool in Istanbul in 2005 after 00:50.

• Mo Salah's successful penalty-kick was his first touch of the ball while Alisson, Trent Alexander-Arnold, Andy Robertson and Roberto Firmino didn't get a touch until Liverpool were 1-0 up. It also meant that Salah finished as the Reds' leading goalscorer in 2018/19 with 27 goals, one more than Sadio Mane.

• Divock Origi's 87th-minute goal was his third in the Champions League having scored twice in the 4-0 semi-final second leg against Barcelona at Anfield. Incredibly they are the only three shots the Belgian had in Champions League games all season, giving him a 100 per cent conversion-rate.

• Joel Matip created Divock Origi's goal against Tottenham with a pass. It was his first-ever assist in a Liverpool shirt in his 98th appearance.

• Estadio Metropolitano was the 31st different venue to hold the European Cup final while it was the fifth time the match has been staged in Madrid. Only London (7, all at Wembley) has held more.



• Following a rule-change by UEFA, both clubs were permitted to have 12 substitutes on the bench for the first time. Liverpool's subs included striker Rhian Brewster and goalkeeper Caoimhin Kelleher, who became the fourth and fifth Reds to be European Cup winners before making their first-team debuts following Peter McDonnell (1977), Colin Irwin (1978) and Bob Bolder (1984).

• The 2019 Champions League final was the first in history to not have a yellow or red card shown. Only 11 fouls were committed during the entire game and both sides only won one tackle each.









• Virgil van Dijk was named as UEFA's official man-of-the-match, becoming the first Liverpool player to land the honour since Steven Gerrard in 2005. He was selected by a panel of nine UEFA technical observers that included two former Everton managers: David Moyes and Roberto Martinez plus Gareth Southgate, Michael O'Neill, Packie Bonner, Raul Gonzalez, Thomas Schaaf, Peter Rudbaek and Gines Melendez.

• Only Bob Paisley (4) has taken Liverpool to more European finals than Jürgen Klopp (3), with Bill Shankly (2), Joe Fagan (2), Rafa Benitez (2) and Gerard Houllier (1) the other managers to reach finals in Europe. Klopp has a 100 per cent record of reaching European finals (3/3) for LFC, as did Joe Fagan (2/2).

• Andy Robertson became the first Scottish player to win a Champions League medal since Borussia Dortmund's Paul Lambert in 1997, and the fifth Scot to win a medal for LFC following Kenny Dalglish (1978, 1981, 1984), Alan Hansen (1978, 1981, 1984), Graeme Souness (1978, 1981, 1984), Steve Nicol (1984) and Gary Gillespie (unused sub, 1984).



• While the UEFA theme tune was playing, the Liverpool players lined up in the following order: Jordan Henderson, Alisson, Joel Matip, Andy Robertson, Trent Alexander-Arnold, Gini Wijnaldum, Virgil van Dijk, Fabinho, Roberto Firmino, Sadio Mane, Mo Salah. It meant that the five players wearing shirt numbers outside of 1-11 (14, 13, 32, 26, 66) came out first followed by three players with consecutive numbers in reverse order (5, 4, 3) and ended with the more traditional final three (9, 10, 11) in the correct order.

• Trent Alexander-Arnold, at the age of 20 years and 237 days, became the first player under the age of 21 to start in consecutive Champions League finals. Trent is also Liverpool's youngest-ever European Cup winner (excluding unused subs).

• When the Liverpool FC plane landed at John Lennon International Airport at around 1pm on Sunday 2 June it taxied through a ceremonial water arc from two firefighting rigs after leaving the runway. The water salute is a tradition usually reserved for foreign dignitaries, military veterans, new airline services and retiring airline captains.



• Roberto Firmino is the only player to start the 2016 Europa League final, the 2018 Champions League final and the 2019 Champions League final for Liverpool, although James Milner also appeared in all three.

• When Jordan Henderson lifted the European Cup , 21 members of the Reds' 23-man squad still had their match-shirts on. The two that didn't were Alisson and Alberto Moreno, who'd taken them off to reveal white t-shirts with messages upon the front.



• The official attendance in Madrid's Estadio Metropolitano was 63,272, the third-lowest for a European Cup final that Liverpool have won. The highest is 92,500 for the Reds' success against FC Bruges at Wembley in 1978, the lowest 48,360 for Liverpool's victory against Real Madrid in Parc des Princes, Paris, in 1981 – a difference of over 40,000.

• Sadio Mane was the only outfield player to appear in all 13 of Liverpool's Champions League games this season. Goalkeeper Alisson played in every minute of all 13.

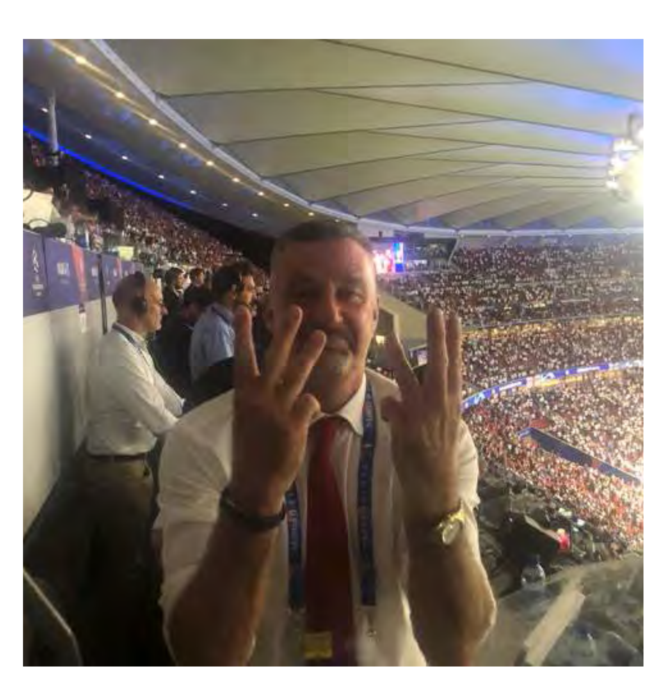
• All six of Liverpool's European Cup triumphs have come against opponents wearing all-white in games played in capital cities.





• Numerous ex-Liverpool players were at Estadio Olimpico to watch the Redmen win the Champions League final including Sir Kenny Dalglish, Ian Rush, John Barnes, Steven Gerrard, David Fairclough, Alan Kennedy, Jim Beglin, John Aldridge, Steve Staunton, Steve McManaman, Robbie Fowler, Stan Collymore, Jason McAteer, Patrik Berger, Bjorn Tore Kvarme, Michael Owen, Jamie Carragher, Sami Hyypia, Didi Hamann, Xabi Alonso, Jerzy Dudek, Pepe Reina, Florent Sinama-Pongolle, Stephen Warnock, Jose Enrique, Maxi Rodriguez and Jay Spearing.

• Despite being the youngest player on the pitch, Trent Alexander-Arnold was the most experienced defender in Liverpool's line-up in terms of the number of appearances made for LFC in European competition. The 2-0 win against Spurs was Trent's 23rd appearance in Europe for the Reds, putting him ahead of Virgil van Dijk (18), Andy Robertson (18), Joe Gomez (17) and Joel Matip (16).



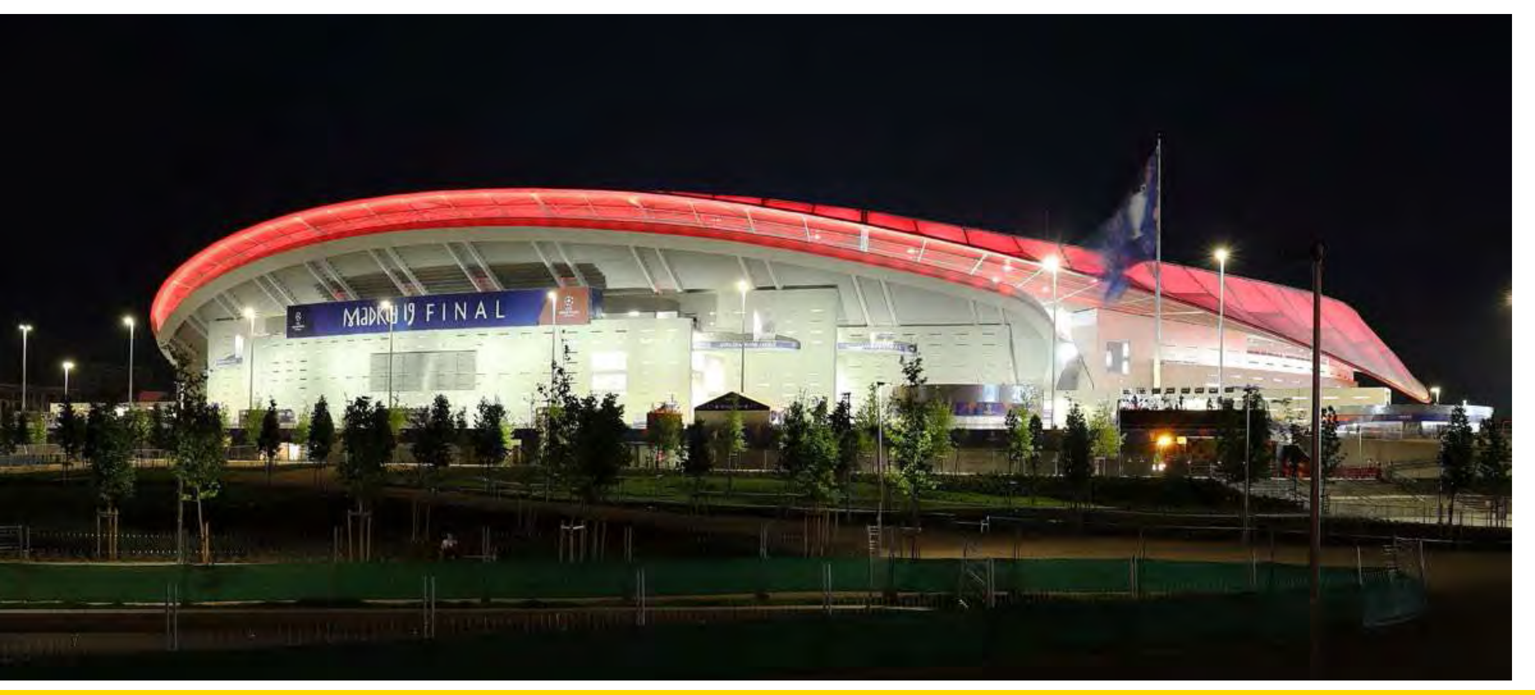






• Alisson's clean-sheet against Tottenham was the first kept by any goalkeeper in a Champions League final since his fellow Brazilian Julio Cesar shut out Bayern Munich during Inter Milan's 2-0 victory in 2010. He made eight saves, the most by any goalkeeper in a Champions League final, and it was also his first-ever clean-sheet in the competition in a game played outside of Anfield or the Stadio Olimpico.

• During the last two seasons Liverpool have played at four of the five venues – Wembley (London), Stadio Olimpico (Rome), Parc des Princes (Paris) and Estadio Metropolitano (Madrid) – at which they've won European Cups. The other venue, Istanbul's Ataturk Stadium, hosts the Champions League final in 2020.



Words: Chris McLoughlin

A DUTCH *of* CLASS

Virgil van Dijk enjoyed a stellar season that ended with him becoming a European champion. Here our number four reflects on our number six and the promise of more silverware to come




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CONGRATULATIONS VIRGIL. YOU ARE A CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WINNER – HOW DID YOU VIEW THE FINAL?

Thank you. I think in the first half, Tottenham didn't create too many chances, at least not big chances, while we did have a couple ourselves. Obviously scoring the penalty in the first minute helps a lot and it gave us a boost. It can also be very dangerous because it's mentally pretty tough in a final, but we dug deep. In the second half they were good, created chances and we had it tough. But, in the end, we're Champions League winners, so it is all good!

WHAT ROLE HAS JÜRGEN KLOPP PLAYED IN THIS SUCCESS?

He's a fantastic manager first and foremost but a fantastic human being as well. How he handles us players at the games but also outside of the games is outstanding. It's a pleasure to work with him but also the rest of the coaching staff and all the people that work at Melwood. It's an amazing environment to be in and I'm very glad and very proud that he wanted me to play for this beautiful club.

HAS THIS SUCCESS MADE YOU HUNGRY TO WIN MORE SILVERWARE IN THE YEARS TO COME?

I think we should be hungry anyway but this season with Liverpool has been good and now we have got the Champions League which is something that we definitely wanted.

I think when we start again in July everyone starts anew and everyone is working towards their goals. Obviously we want to challenge for every trophy if possible. We have the squad for it but you saw this year that you still have to do it. Hopefully we can challenge Man City for the title again next season because I don't think they will go anywhere and nor will we.

Being in the Champions League final two years in a row is special and it's something we hope to be in every year but we know how difficult it is to reach it. We're all ambitious and we all want to have those kind of nights a couple of times a year, so let's just go for it.

Work hard and stay humble – that's the only way forward.

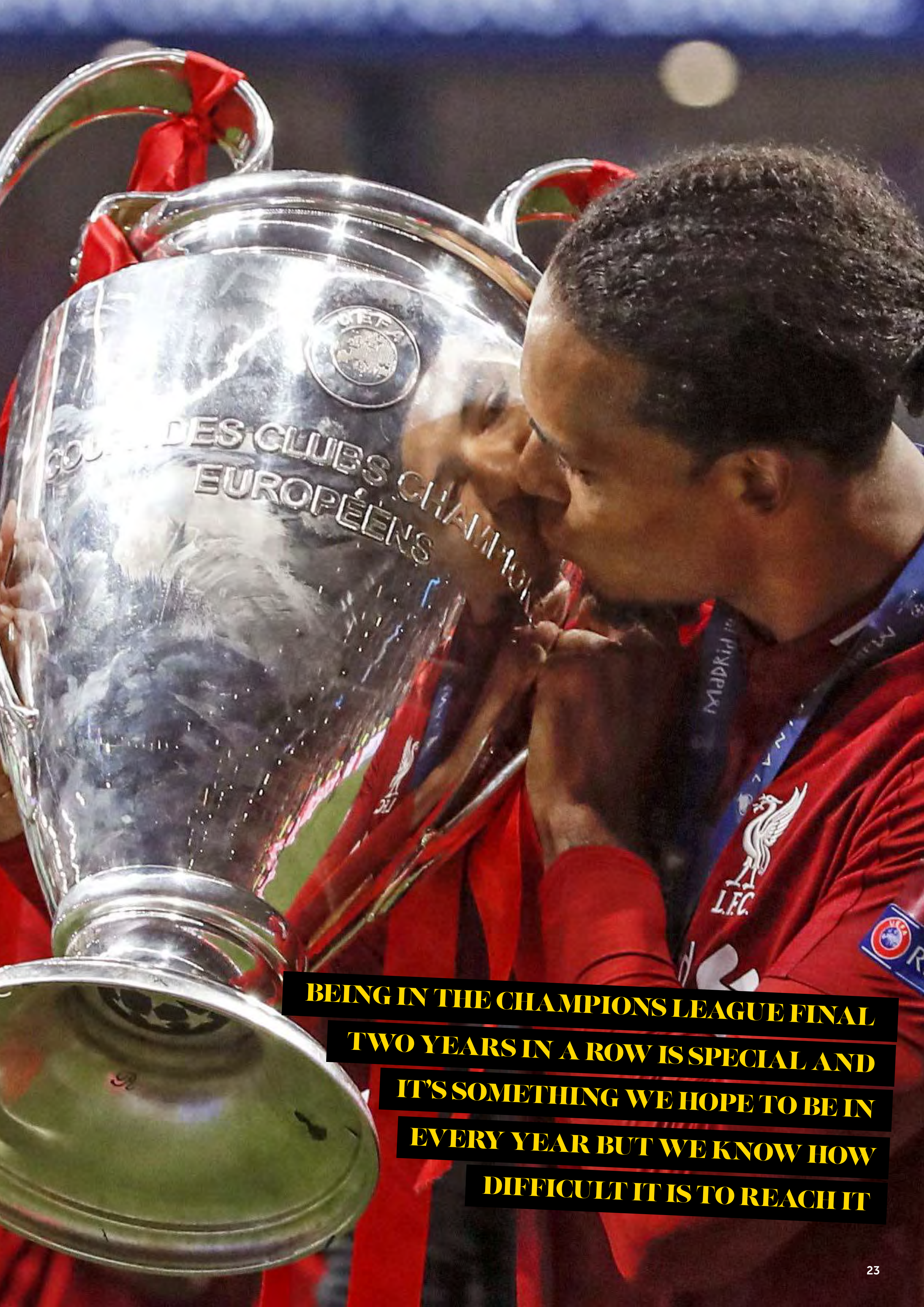


HOW DID YOU FIND PLAYING IN THE FINAL AFTER THREE WEEKS WITHOUT A GAME?

To be fair it wasn't any harder than normal. I think it suited us a little bit and maybe Tottenham as well. We had a short break of six days off so we had time to get our heads off football and enjoy a bit of a break. Then after that we had the training camp in Marbella so we got used to the Spanish climate and we were working very hard with double sessions and a friendly game. It was all in preparation for this.

We were playing against Spurs so we knew before the game that it was going to be very tough. They had their opportunities and had a couple of good shots on target, especially in the second half. They were putting pressure on us and with their opportunities they looked a bit dangerous which happens in games. Ali was there to save us with a couple of shots but we prepared for it. We know that there will be moments in games where you are going to have difficulties but if you are prepared for it, it is easier to deal with and it was all good I think in the end.

I think overall we are deserved Champions League winners.



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THE PARADE WAS AMAZING. IT WAS SOMETHING SPECIAL. YOU HAVE TO REALLY EXPERIENCE IT

WHAT DID YOU MAKE OF THE VICTORY PARADE WITH 750,000 FANS COMING OUT TO SEE YOU?

The parade was amazing. It was something special. You have to really experience it. It's unbelievable what it does to the city and obviously to the club as well. I was very proud to be sitting on the coach and hopefully we can have more days like that. I think there's still more to come but it's already been past my expectations. I was just taking everything in and enjoying every bit of it with all of those fans.

WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE WHOLE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CAMPAIGN, THERE'S A LOT TO TAKE IN – THE BARCELONA GAME WAS AN INCREDIBLE TURNAROUND?

Even after the defeat at the Nou Camp, we knew that we could take a lot of positive points out of it. Obviously losing was not a good feeling, especially with the way we conceded in the end. But I think we all felt that we deserved a little bit more, at least a goal and maybe two, and that the game was not done yet. We played a great game despite the result and we knew that would be on Barcelona's minds too. We still had an opportunity to make it right. We had to believe.

The Barca game at Anfield was really on my mind a lot in the days afterwards! It was a fantastic evening from start to finish and after the game I enjoyed the celebrations with the guys and then with my family. It was just a fantastic evening and I will never forget it.

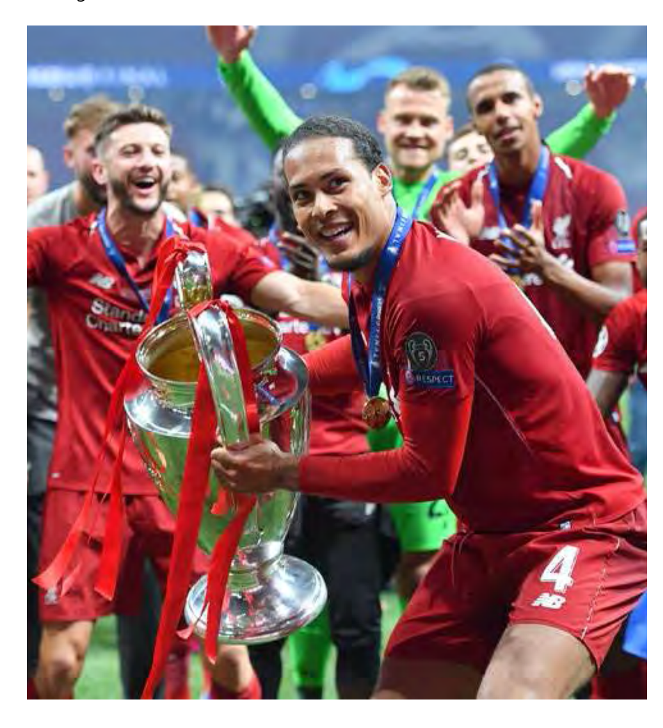
IT SHOWED THAT ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE IN FOOTBALL...

And not only on that day – I think we have been showing that quality throughout the whole season. Eventually we got what we all dreamed of and it was totally deserved. People might say that we have had a bit of luck but we never give up, we kept believing and doing the right things. Obviously sometimes you have that bit of luck but you still need to do the right things and doing what we have been doing.

Our mindset in the last few months was always that we were still involved in two competitions and that we would never give up until the season was over. We were always ready to give everything until the end. We didn't really have time to look back and reflect on what we achieved during the season. There will be that time now when we have a holiday.

WHAT WAS IT LIKE COMING UP AGAINST LIONEL MESSI IN THOSE TWO SEMI-FINAL MATCHES?

I think he is the best player in the world and I thought that even before I played against him. He's a fantastic striker and he has obviously been doing it at the highest level for the last ten years at least. It's fantastic for a neutral fan to see a player like that but it's also great to come up against him because you can test yourself and see how you can cope against him. He was dangerous, he created good chances and he obviously scored a brilliant free-kick. Barcelona's second goal over there had a bit of luck about it but he was quick to react and show his quality. We tried everything to stop him scoring at Anfield and thankfully we managed to achieve that.



IN YOUR HEART DID YOU WANT A LIVERPOOL V AJAX FINAL?

My heart just wanted Liverpool to be in the final! It didn't really matter to all of us who we were going to play because any team that we were going to face in the final was going to be a fantastic team and a difficult side to play against. I felt sorry for the Ajax boys that I work with in the national team as I am in contact with them almost every day. I think Ajax deserved a lot after the first half of the second leg, but in the second half they were not as good as they had been and obviously football can be really, really cruel when you look at how the game ended because they had enjoyed such a fantastic season and the quality they had shown was exceptional. Then again, it's all about winning and getting the right result which Spurs did that night, so it was all credit to them.

WINNING THE PFA PLAYER OF THE YEAR AND BEING VOTED OFFICIAL MAN OF THE MATCH IN THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL REPRESENTS A FAIRLY DECENT SEASON!

It's something very special and I don't take for granted. It's all credit to everyone who is involved with us – for all the players who have played throughout the year and all the staff. From the coaching staff to everyone at Melwood taking care of our food or making sure the kit is ready, everyone involved should take credit and be proud of it as well.

The PFA award is something special because the players vote for it. Anyone can have their opinion but, at the end of the day, it's about who you come up against week in, week out and so their opinion is very important. To be voted player of the year by your colleagues is something I'm very proud of and I think everyone who is involved at Liverpool should be proud as well. Having said that, I would always have swapped it for a Premier League title or a Champions League title.

I came to Liverpool because it's a real family. You play for real fans that really care about the club. That's something that definitely played a part in my decision to come here. It is something that definitely fits me and so far it has proven that I made the right decision. Hopefully we can keep working together towards winning more trophies.

MISSING OUT ON THE PREMIER LEAGUE AFTER ACCUMULATING 97 POINTS WAS TOUGH...

We did everything that we could. That was the only thing that we could concentrate on. The whole season has been outstanding. The only thing was that we were competing with another team that were pretty good. I think it's probably been a joy to watch for the neutral fan and for us to be actually competing with City and the standard they set is very good.

Obviously I felt a little bit disappointed because everyone who is that close wants to win the league but we can keep our heads held high. If you look at our results in the league, how we've played the whole season, we can be very proud of ourselves. To finish with 97 points and not win the league was tough. That's the standard that City have set for all of us. They have been outstanding and they have done what they have for a second season. I think that's unbelievable so if we have to do it next year with over 100 points, then we will try and do it. I enjoyed every bit of the league season. I was fit and I played every minute of the Premier League season apart from the last 30 minutes against Southampton at home. Overall it's been a fantastic season for all of us.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE THIS LIVERPOOL SEASON TO BE REMEMBERED?

That we had something to cheer about at the end! Hopefully, this is just the start. I think the manager has said it before in interviews. It's not like we tried it this year and next year we're not going to try it any more. We have a fantastic team, a great age group of players who can play together for hopefully the next four or five years and build on this season. We tried everything until the last opportunity in the Premier League. We did the same in the Champions League and thankfully it was enough.



Big Virg's numbers

Premier League

38 appearances
30 wins
1 defeat
20 clean-sheets
22 goals conceded
38 tackles
8 blocked shots
40 interceptions
199 clearances
112 headed clearances
193 recoveries
244 duels won
9 successful 50/50s
181 aerial battles won
1 yellow card
4 goals
3 headed goals
4 times hit the woodwork
2 goal assists
3,037 passes
3 big chances created
203 accurate long-balls

UEFA Champions League

12 games played
1080 minutes played
2 goals
93 balls recovered
51 clearances
9 blocks
3 yellow cards
89% pass-completion



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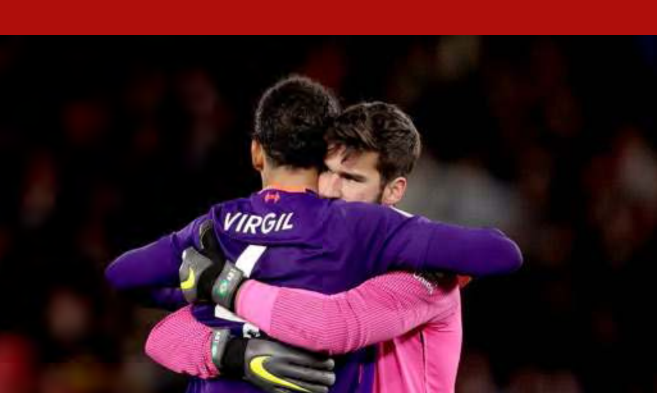




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FIXTURE BY FIXTURE:
HOW THE SENSATIONAL 2018/19 SEASON SWEPT US ALONG







Liverpool 4 West Ham United 0

Sunday 12 August 2018 kick-off 1.30pm live on Sky Sports.

Attendance: 53,235. **Referee:** Anthony Taylor.
Carlsberg man of the match: Naby Keita.
Goals: Salah (19), Mane (45, 53), Sturridge (88).
The Reds roared out of the starting-blocks by recording their biggest Anfield victory on the opening day of the football season since 1932, while on their debuts goalkeeper Alisson kept a clean-sheet and midfielder Naby Keita impressed. It was the fourth time on the bounce that Liverpool had scored four goals against the Hammers. Sadio Mane (right) got two.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Gomez, Van Dijk, Robertson, Wijnaldum, Milner (C), Keita, Firmino (Henderson 69), Mane (Shaqiri 82), Salah (Sturridge 87).
Subs not used: Karius, Clyne.

Crystal Palace 0 Liverpool 2

Monday 20 August 2018 kick-off 8pm live on Sky Sports.

Attendance: 25,750. **Referee:** Michael Oliver.
Carlsberg man of the match: Virgil van Dijk.
Goals: Milner (45pen), Mane (90).
Liverpool recorded a fourth consecutive league win at Selhurst Park for the first time ever as a James Milner penalty and late Sadio Mane goal kept them joint-top of the table. Palace also had Aaron Wan-Bissaka sent off for upending Mo Salah (going close again, below) while Alisson maintained his 100 per cent clean-sheet record between the sticks for the Reds.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Gomez, Van Dijk, Robertson, Wijnaldum, Milner (C) (Henderson 67), Keita (Lallana 87), Firmino (Sturridge 90), Mane, Salah.
Subs not used: Mignolet, Moreno, Shaqiri, Matip.
Booked: Alexander-Arnold.





Liverpool 1 Brighton & Hove Albion 0

Saturday 25 August 2018 kick-off 5.30pm
live on BT Sport.

Attendance: 53,294. **Referee:** Chris Kavanagh.
Carlsberg man of the match: Alisson. **Goal:** Salah (23).
Mo (above) scored his 29th goal in 29 Anfield apps to send the Reds top again with a hard-fought victory. It was a goal created and executed in the blink-of-an-eye: Milner won back the ball brilliantly for Mane who passed to Firmino who found Mo who stroked home inside the far-post. It took a fine late save by Alisson from a header to ensure Jürgen Klopp's men claimed all three points at approximately 7.15pm.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold (Matip 89), Robertson, Gomez, Van Dijk, Wijnaldum, Milner (C), Keita (Henderson 67), Firmino, Mane (Sturridge 80), Salah.
Subs not used: Mignolet, Moreno, Lallana, Shaqiri.
Booked: Alexander-Arnold.



Leicester City 1 Liverpool 2

Saturday 1 September 2018 kick-off 12.30pm
live on Sky Sports.

Attendance: 32,149. **Referee:** Paul Tierney.
Carlsberg man of the match: Joe Gomez.
Goals: Mane (10), Firmino (45).
Liverpool worked hard in the sunshine for their fourth straight win. Sadio (above) scored his fourth in four games, smashing home after great work from Andy Robbo, then Roberto Firmino's header from a Milner corner put the Reds two up. In an otherwise assured performance Alisson conceded his first goal when he was robbed by Kelechi Iheanacho who passed for Rachid Ghezzal to pull one back.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold (Matip 89), Gomez, Van Dijk, Robertson, Henderson (C) (Keita 71), Wijnaldum, Milner, Firmino, Mane, Salah (Shaqiri 71).
Subs not used: Mignolet, Sturridge, Moreno, Lallana.
Booked: Van Dijk, Milner.

Tottenham Hotspur 1 Liverpool 2

Saturday 15 September 2018 kick-off 12.30pm
live on Sky Sports.

Attendance: 80,188. **Referee:** Michael Oliver.
Carlsberg man of the match: James Milner.
Goals: Wijnaldum (39), Firmino (54).
Gini Wijnaldum (below) headed home his first Premier League away-goal, then Bobby Firmino's winner – before he had to go off with a nasty eye-injury – secured Liverpool's maiden victory in a league game at Wembley. Erik Lamela pulled a goal back in stoppage-time but the result meant a fifth straight league win from the start of a season for Liverpool for the first time since 1990/91.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold (Matip 90), Gomez, Van Dijk, Robertson, Wijnaldum, Milner (C), Keita (Sturridge 83), Firmino (Henderson 74), Mane, Salah.
Subs not used: Mignolet, Fabinho, Moreno, Shaqiri.



Liverpool 3 Paris Saint-Germain 2

Tuesday 18 September 2018 kick-off 8pm
live on BT Sport.

Attendance: 52,478. **Referee:** Cuneyt Cakir.
Carlsberg man of the match: James Milner.
Goals: Sturridge (30), Milner (36pen), Firmino (90).
In a pulsating group-opener Bobby came off the bench to score a stoppage-time winner – after great work from James Milner (below) to retrieve the ball – and get Liverpool's Champions League campaign off to a winning start. In the first half Daniel Sturridge opened the scoring then an ice-cool Milner penalty made it 2-0, before PSG pulled two back and Firmino brought the house down.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Gomez, Van Dijk, Robertson, Henderson (C), Wijnaldum, Milner, Sturridge (Firmino 72), Mane (Fabinho 90), Salah (Shaqiri 85).
Subs not used: Mignolet, Keita, Moreno, Matip.
Booked: Van Dijk.



Liverpool 3 Southampton 0

Saturday 22 September 2018 kick-off 3pm.

Attendance: 50,965. **Referee:** Paul Tierney.

Carlsberg man of the match: Xherdan Shaqiri.

Goals: Hoedt (10 og), Matip (21), Salah (45).

A seventh consecutive victory at the start of a season for the first time in the club's history was wrapped up before half-time. Xherdan Shaqiri created two goals: an own-goal deflected into his own net by Wesley Hoedt and a goal-line tap-in for Mo after the Swiss star's free-kick cannons down off the crossbar. In-between those strikes Joel Matip (below) headed in his first Anfield goal from Trent's corner.

Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Matip, Van Dijk (Gomez 55), Robertson, Wijnaldum (Keita 70), Henderson (C), Mane, Shaqiri (Milner 46), Firmino, Salah. Subs not used: Mignolet, Fabinho, Sturridge, Moreno.





Liverpool 1 Chelsea 2

Wednesday 26 September 2018 kick-off 7.45pm live on Sky Sports.

Attendance: 45,503. **Referee:** Kevin Friend. **Carlsberg man of the match:** Xherdan Shaqiri. **Goal:** Sturridge (58).

Wednesday-night woe for the Anfield faithful as Liverpool's Carabao Cup campaign fell at the first hurdle. Striker Daniel Sturridge fired a much-changed side ahead with a spectacular overhead-kick (above right) but an equaliser by Emerson – given after a VAR review – and Eden Hazard's individual goal sent Chelsea through. Fabinho made his first LFC start.

Team: Mignolet, Clyne, Matip, Lovren, Moreno, Fabinho (Salah 87), Milner (C) (Henderson 60), Keita, Sturridge, Mane (Firmino 71), Shaqiri. Subs not used: Grabara, Gomez, Solanke, Jones. Booked: Milner, Matip, Fabinho, Keita, Henderson.

Chelsea 1 Liverpool 1

Saturday 29 September 2018 kick-off 5.30pm live on BT Sport.

Attendance: 40,625. **Referee:** Andre Marriner.

Carlsberg man of the match: Alisson.

Goal: Sturridge (89).

Daniel Sturridge netted a stupendous 89th-minute equaliser from 25 yards to give the Reds a deserved point when it looked like Eden Hazard's first-half strike would settle the game. It was Daniel's 50th Premier League goal for Liverpool and his 13th as a sub, putting him second only to David Fairclough (18) on the all-time list. Alisson (below) pulled off a handful of brilliant saves.

Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Gomez, Van Dijk, Robertson, Henderson (C) (Keita 78), Wijnaldum, Milner (Sturridge 86), Firmino, Mane, Salah (Shaqiri 66). Subs not used: Mignolet, Fabinho, Moreno, Matip. Booked: Mane, Milner.





Class act

Game-time was limited for Daniel Sturridge over 2018/19, but when he was good, he was very, very good. The late equaliser at Chelsea was a thing of beauty: one touch, one look-up, one sensational shot from 25 yards that beat the goalkeeper and secured a point and an unbeaten start for the Reds to the Premier League season.



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Napoli 1 Liverpool 0

Wednesday 3 October 2018 kick-off 8pm live on BT Sport.

Attendance: 37,057. **Referee:** Viktor Kassai.
Carlsberg man of the match: Joe Gomez.
A 90th-minute goal from Lorenzo Insigne handed Napoli victory at the Stadio San Paolo after it'd looked like a resolute defensive performance would earn Liverpool a point. "We don't have to make a big story of it," admitted Jürgen Klopp afterwards. "We had our moments but we were too open. With the ball we were too hectic."
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Gomez, Van Dijk, Robertson, Wijnaldum, Milner (C) (Fabinho 76), Keita (Henderson 19), Firmino, Mane (Sturridge 89), Salah. Subs not used: Mignolet, Lovren, Moreno, Shaqiri. Booked: Milner.



Liverpool 0 Manchester City 0

Sunday 7 October 2018 kick-off 4.30pm live on Sky Sports.

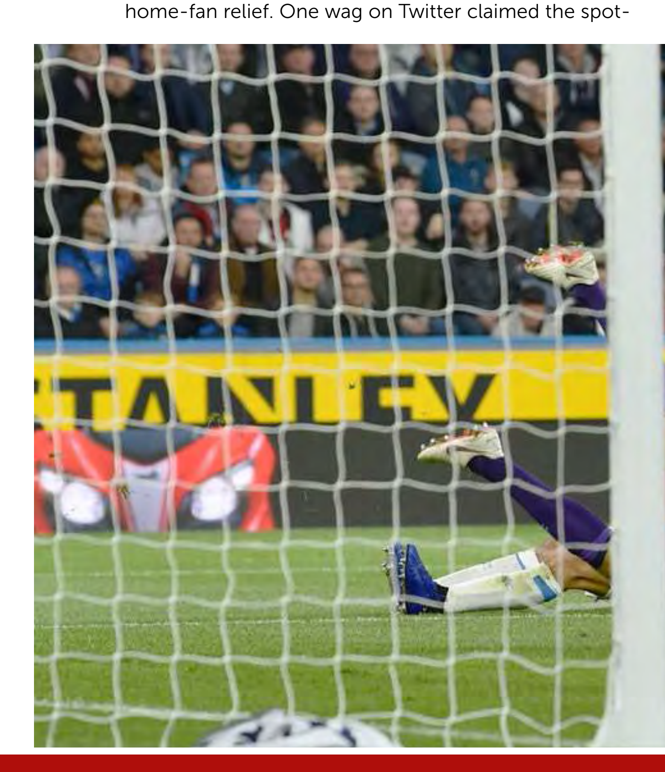
Attendance: 52,117. **Referee:** Martin Atkinson.
Carlsberg man of the match: Gini Wijnaldum.
Liverpool and City drew 0-0 at Anfield (above right) for the first time since 1986 but only after Riyad Mahrez spurned a golden opportunity for the visitors, blazing a late penalty high into the Anfield Road end to much home-fan relief. One wag on Twitter claimed the spot-kick "just sparked out one of the giants there!" – a reference to the spectacular event in Liverpool city-centre over the weekend.
Team: Alisson, Gomez, Van Dijk, Lovren, Robertson, Henderson (C), Wijnaldum, Milner (Keita 29), Firmino (Sturridge 72), Mane, Salah. Subs not used: Mignolet, Fabinho, Shaqiri, Matip, Alexander-Arnold.
Booked: Wijnaldum.



Huddersfield Town 0 Liverpool 1

Saturday 20 October 2018 kick-off 5.30pm live on BT Sport.

Attendance: 24,263. **Referee:** Michael Oliver. **Carlsberg man of the match:** Mo Salah. **Goal:** Salah (23).
Mo (below) registered his first away goal of 2018/19 from Shaqiri's through-ball to give Liverpool all three points in a Saturday-evening contest that also saw the Reds record their 200th Premier League away-win. Adam Lallana impressed in his first start of 18/19 and made way for sub Fabinho – making his Premier League debut for LFC.
Team: Alisson, Gomez, Lovren, Van Dijk, Robertson, Henderson (C) (Wijnaldum 46), Milner (Firmino 77), Shaqiri, Salah, Sturridge, Lallana (Fabinho 69).
Subs not used: Mignolet, Origi, Matip, Alexander-Arnold.
Booked: Lallana, Sturridge.







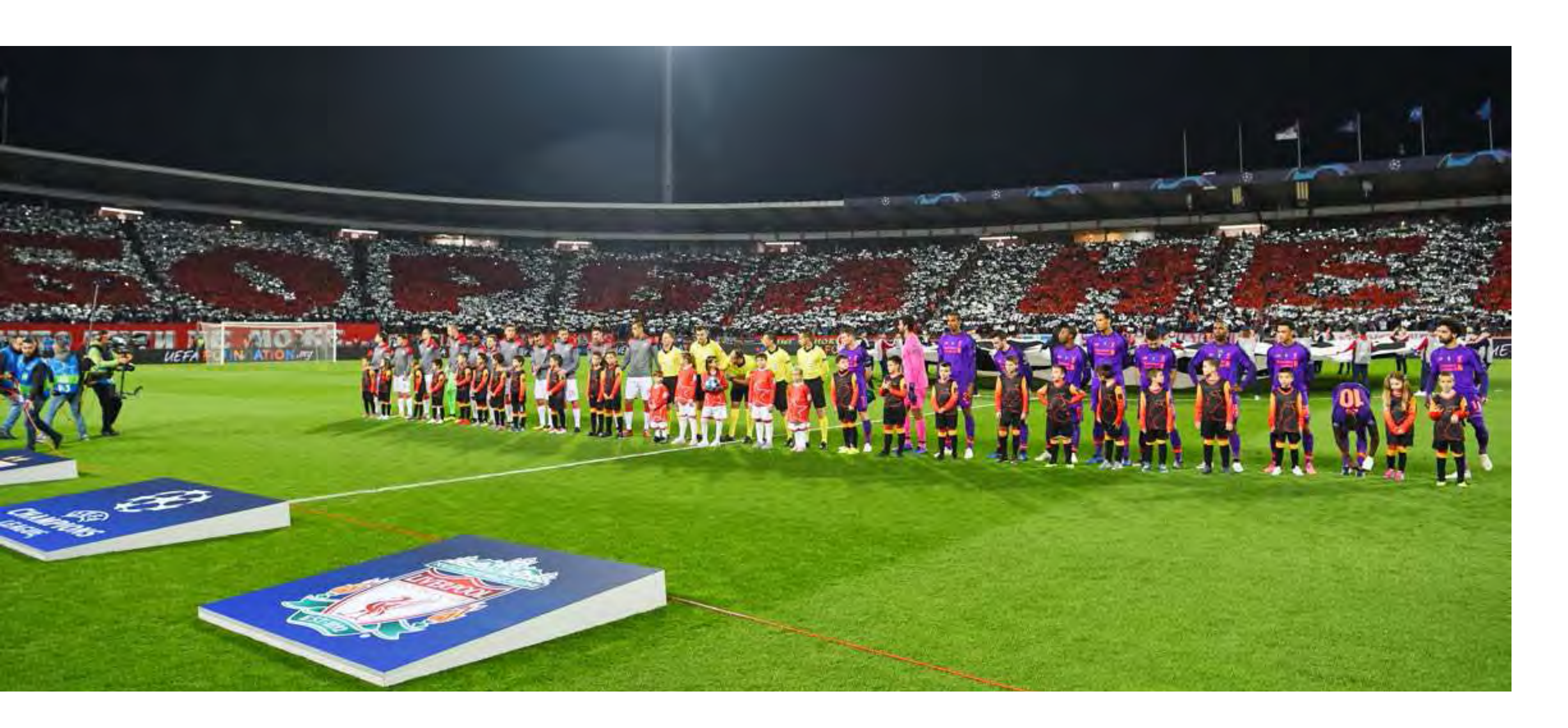
Liverpool 4 Red Star Belgrade 0
Wednesday 24 October 2018 kick-off 8pm live on BT Sport.
Attendance: 53,024. **Referee:** Daniel Siebert.
Carlsberg man of the match: Fabinho.
Goals: Firmino (20), Salah (45, 51 pen), Mane (80).
Mo scored his 49th and 50th goals in only his 65th appearance for Liverpool to put the Reds top of Champions League Group C with an impressive win over the Serbian champions. Firmino (above) and Mane, who had a second-half penalty saved, were also on target and there was an impressive display from Fabinho in his first start for the Reds in the competition – "good to see, now he has to carry on," said the boss.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Gomez, Van Dijk (C), Robertson (Moreno 82), Fabinho, Wijnaldum, Shaqiri (Lallana 68), Firmino, Salah (Sturridge 73), Mane. Subs not used: Mignolet, Lovren, Milner, Origi.

Liverpool 4 Cardiff City 1
Saturday 27 October 2018 kick-off 3pm.
Attendance: 53,373. **Referee:** Stuart Attwell.
Carlsberg man of the match: Mo Salah.
Goals: Salah (10), Mane (66, 87), Shaqiri (84).
Sadio Mane was on target twice, the finishes different but both world-class. Mo opened the scoring and sub Shaq (below left) rounded things off with his first LFC goal after Callum Paterson became the first visiting player to net a league goal at Anfield since February – a run lasting for 918 minutes. Reds midfielder Gini completed more passes than the entire Cardiff team (111 to 110).
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Lovren, Van Dijk (C), Moreno, Fabinho, Wijnaldum, Lallana (Shaqiri 61), Firmino (Milner 71), Mane, Salah. Subs not used: Mignolet, Gomez, Sturridge, Robertson, Matip.

Arsenal 1 Liverpool 1
Saturday 3 November 2018 kick-off 5pm live on BT Sport.
Attendance: 59,993. **Referee:** Andre Marriner. **Carlsberg man of the match:** Virgil van Dijk. **Goal:** Milner (61).
Liverpool extended their unbeaten run at the start of a PL season to 11 games for the first time since 2007/08 in a contest that both sides could've won. Milner's 50th Premier League goal (below) gave Jürgen Klopp's side – wearing their deep-violet away-kit for the first time – a second-half lead but Alexandre Lacazette's 82nd-minute equaliser earned the Gunners a point.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Gomez, Van Dijk, Robertson, Fabinho, Wijnaldum, Milner (C), Salah (Matip 90), Firmino (Shaqiri 80), Mane. Subs not used: Mignolet, Sturridge, Moreno, Lallana, Origi. Booked: Fabinho.







Red Star Belgrade 2 Liverpool 0
Tuesday 6 November 2018 kick-off 5.55pm live on BT Sport.
Attendance: 51,318. **Referee:** Antonio Mateu Lahoz.
Carlsberg man of the match: Andy Robertson.
A first-half double from Serbian striker Milan Pavkov condemned Liverpool to a second Group C reverse away from home (above). Daniel Sturridge missed the Reds' best chance in the first half while Mo Salah struck a post but Liverpool couldn't break down a stubborn Red Star defence in the atmospheric Rajko Mitic Stadium.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold (Gomez 46), Matip, Van Dijk, Robertson, Wijnaldum, Milner (C), Lallana (Origi 79), Salah, Sturridge (Firmino 46), Mane. Subs not used: Mignolet, Fabinho, Keita, Moreno. Booked: Lallana.

Liverpool 2 Fulham 0
Sunday 11 November 2018 kick-off 12pm live on BT Sport.
Attendance: 53,128. **Referee:** Paul Tierney.
Carlsberg man of the match: Xherdan Shaqiri.
Goals: Salah (41), Shaqiri (53).
Mo's 34th in his last 36 Anfield appearances and a second-half strike from Shaq (below) secured a Remembrance Sunday win to take the Reds to 30 points, equalling their best tally after 12 games of a Premier League season. Another clean-sheet for Alisson sets a new club-record of only five goals conceded by Liverpool in their opening 12 PL games.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Gomez, Van Dijk (C), Robertson, Fabinho (Keita 90), Wijnaldum (Henderson 69), Shaqiri (Milner 81), Salah, Firmino, Mane. Subs not used: Mignolet, Lovren, Sturridge, Moreno. Booked: Gomez.

Watford 0 Liverpool 3
Saturday 24 November 2018 kick-off 3pm.
Attendance: 20,540. **Referee:** Jon Moss. **Carlsberg man of the match:** Trent Alexander-Arnold.
Goals: Salah (67), Alexander-Arnold (76), Firmino (89).
Mo's opener was his sixth against Watford – only Ian Rush (10) has scored more – while Alexander-Arnold's 25-yard free-kick (below) was his first Prem away-goal. Skipper Jordan Henderson was dismissed in the 82nd minute for a second bookable offence but that didn't stop Klopp's men from scoring on the counter-attack with Firmino heading home after Mane's shot is saved.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Lovren, Van Dijk, Robertson, Henderson (C), Wijnaldum, Shaqiri (Milner 74), Firmino (Matip 90), Mane, Salah (Fabinho 86). Subs not used: Mignolet, Clyne, Keita, Sturridge. Booked: Henderson. Sent off: Henderson (second yellow).









He's Alexander-Arnold

If 2017/18 was his breakthrough season, then 2018/19 was all about impact for Trent. As well as his increasing number of assists he displayed an exquisite touch on the ball and an eye for a pass – occasionally unorthodox and sometimes devastatingly effective – which belied his tender years. His potential is frightening.



Paris Saint-Germain 2 Liverpool 1

Wednesday 28 November 2018 kick-off 8pm live on BT Sport.

Attendance: 46,880. **Referee:** Szymon Marciniak.
Carlsberg man of the match: Alisson.
Goal: Milner (45 pen).
The hosts went two-up through Bernat and Neymar, and although James Milner (above) pulled a goal back from the penalty-spot after Sadio Mane was upended by Angel di Maria, the Reds couldn't find an equaliser. Liverpool now had to beat Napoli 1-0 – or by two clear goals if the Italians score – on matchday six to go through.
Team: Alisson, Gomez, Lovren, Van Dijk, Robertson, Milner (Shaqiri 77), Henderson (C), Wijnaldum (Keita 66), Salah, Firmino (Sturridge 71), Mane. Subs not used: Mignolet, Fabinho, Matip, Alexander-Arnold.
Booked: Wijnaldum, Gomez, Sturridge, Van Dijk, Robertson, Keita.

Liverpool 1 Everton 0

Sunday 2 December 2018 kick-off 4.15pm live on Sky Sports.

Attendance: 54,074. **Referee:** Chris Kavanagh.
Carlsberg man of the match: Alisson.
Goal: Origi (90+6).
The one with *that* ending. It was looking like honours even in a goalless but entertaining derby until Divock Origi came off the bench to score a dramatic late winner (below). The Reds had now scored five 90th-minute Premier League winners against Everton, a competition record for any fixture, and also kept 21 clean-sheets against them in the Prem, more than against any other.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Gomez, Van Dijk (C), Robertson, Fabinho, Wijnaldum, Shaqiri (Keita 71), Firmino (Origi 84), Mane, Salah (Sturridge 75).
Subs not used: Mignolet, Milner, Moreno, Matip.
Booked: Shaqiri, Fabinho, Gomez.




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Burnley 1 Liverpool 3

Wednesday 5 December 2018 kick-off 7.45pm.

Attendance: 21,741. **Referee:** Stuart Attwell.

Carlsberg man of the match: Naby Keita.

Goals: Milner (62), Firmino (69), Shaqiri (90).

A much-changed Liverpool side – starting without Firmino, Salah or Mane – overcame the loss of defender Joe Gomez to injury overturn Jack Cork's 54th-minute opener and record an important victory on a wet Wednesday night at Turf Moor. The goals came from Milner, substitute Bobby (with his first touch) and Shaq on the counter-attack.

Team: Alisson, Gomez (Alexander-Arnold 23), Matip, Van Dijk, Moreno (Salah 65), Milner, Henderson (C), Keita, Shaqiri, Origi (Firmino 66), Sturridge. Subs not used: Mignolet, Fabinho, Lallana, Camacho.

Bournemouth 0 Liverpool 4

Saturday 8 December 2018 kick-off 12.30pm live on Sky Sports.

Attendance: 10,752. **Referee:** Lee Mason.

Carlsberg/Mo Salah man of the match: James Milner.

Goals: Salah (25, 48, 77), Cook (68 og).

In a midday kick-off Mo (right) netted his first Liverpool hat-trick away from Anfield but handed his man-of-the-match award to skipper James Milner, making his 500th Prem appearance. Bournemouth's Steve Cook also diverted an Andy Robbo cross into his own net on a day when Salah takes his PL tally for Liverpool to 40 in 52 games – ahead of Fernando Torres (60 games) and Daniel Sturridge (64).

Team: Alisson, Milner (C), Matip, Van Dijk, Robertson, Fabinho, Wijnaldum, Shaqiri (Mane 65), Firmino (Henderson 81), Keita (Lallana 65), Salah. Subs not used: Mignolet, Sturridge, Origi, Alexander-Arnold. Booked: Fabinho.





Liverpool 1 Napoli 0

Tuesday 11 December 2018 kick-off 8pm live on BT Sport.

Attendance: 52,015. **Referee:** Damir Skomina.
Carlsberg man of the match: Alisson. **Goal:** Salah (34).
Liverpool progressed to the last 16 of the Champions League thanks to Salah's 34th-minute shot fooling Napoli keeper David Ospina at his near-post. But it should have been more comfortable with the Reds missing several chances, and Napoli were thwarted at the death by Alisson's added-time block (left) which prompted manager Jürgen Klopp to say: "If I knew he was this good I would have paid double!"
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold (Lovren 90), Matip, Van Dijk, Robertson, Wijnaldum, Henderson (C), Milner (Fabinho 85), Salah, Firmino (Keita 79), Mane.
Subs not used: Mignolet, Sturridge, Shaqiri, Origi.
Booked: Van Dijk, Salah, Robertson, Mane.

Liverpool 3 Manchester United 1

Sunday 16 December 2018 kick-off 4pm live on Sky Sports.

Attendance: 52,908. **Referee:** Martin Atkinson.
Carlsberg man of the match: Fabinho.
Goals: Mane (24), Shaqiri (73, 80).

Sadio's opener, from a delightful, chipped Fabinho assist, was cancelled out by Jesse Lingard in the first half. But Shaq became an instant Kop idol by coming off the bench to score twice in the second half as Liverpool went top again with a first Premier League victory against their rivals at Anfield since 2013. Liverpool's 36 shots-on-goal was the most United have had against them since OPTA shot-data stats began. Fab got man-of-the-match but a special mention too for the imperious Virgil van Dijk (below) at the heart of the Reds defence.

Team: Alisson, Clyne, Lovren, Van Dijk (C), Robertson, Fabinho, Wijnaldum, Mane (Henderson 84), Firmino, Keita (Shaqiri 70), Salah. Subs not used: Mignolet, Sturridge, Moreno, Lallana, Camacho.





Wolverhampton Wanderers 0 Liverpool 2

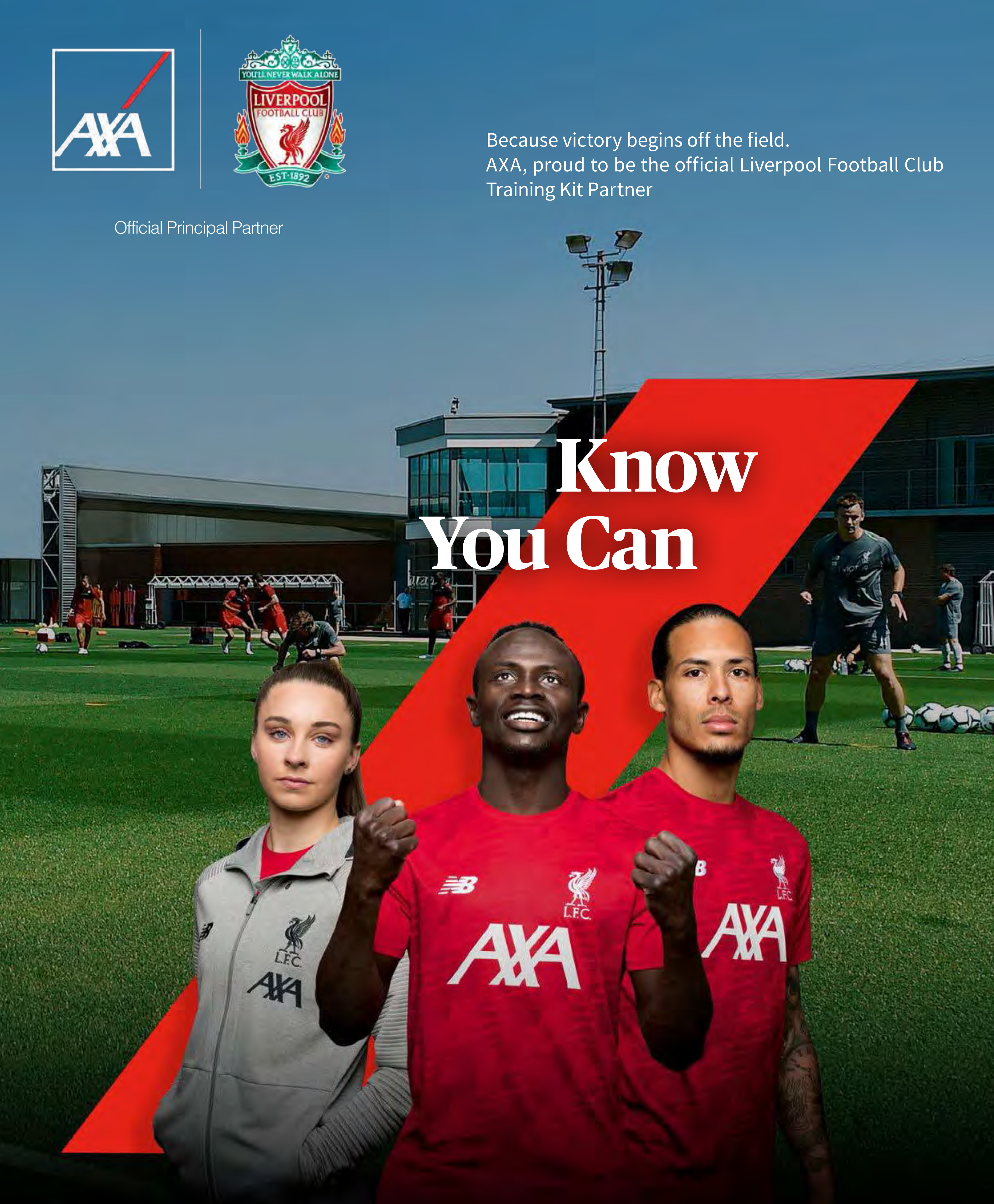
Friday 21 December 2018 kick-off 8pm live on Sky Sports.

Attendance: 31,358, **Referee:** Craig Pawson.
Carlsberg man of the match: Mo Salah.
Goals: Salah (18), Van Dijk (68).
Liverpool claimed the Christmas no1 spot in the top-flight table with a Friday-night win at Molineux courtesy of a first-half opener from Mo and Virgil's first league goal in red (left). Klopp's stars maintained their status as the only unbeaten team in Britain, having not lost any of their last ten aways – the club's longest unbeaten run in the Premier League era.
Team: Alisson, Milner, Lovren, Van Dijk, Robertson, Fabinho, Henderson (C), Mane (Clyne 87), Firmino (Wijnaldum 76), Keita (Lallana 58), Salah.
Subs not used: Mignolet, Sturridge, Shaqiri, Origi.

Liverpool 4 Newcastle United 0

Wednesday 26 December 2018 kick-off 3pm.

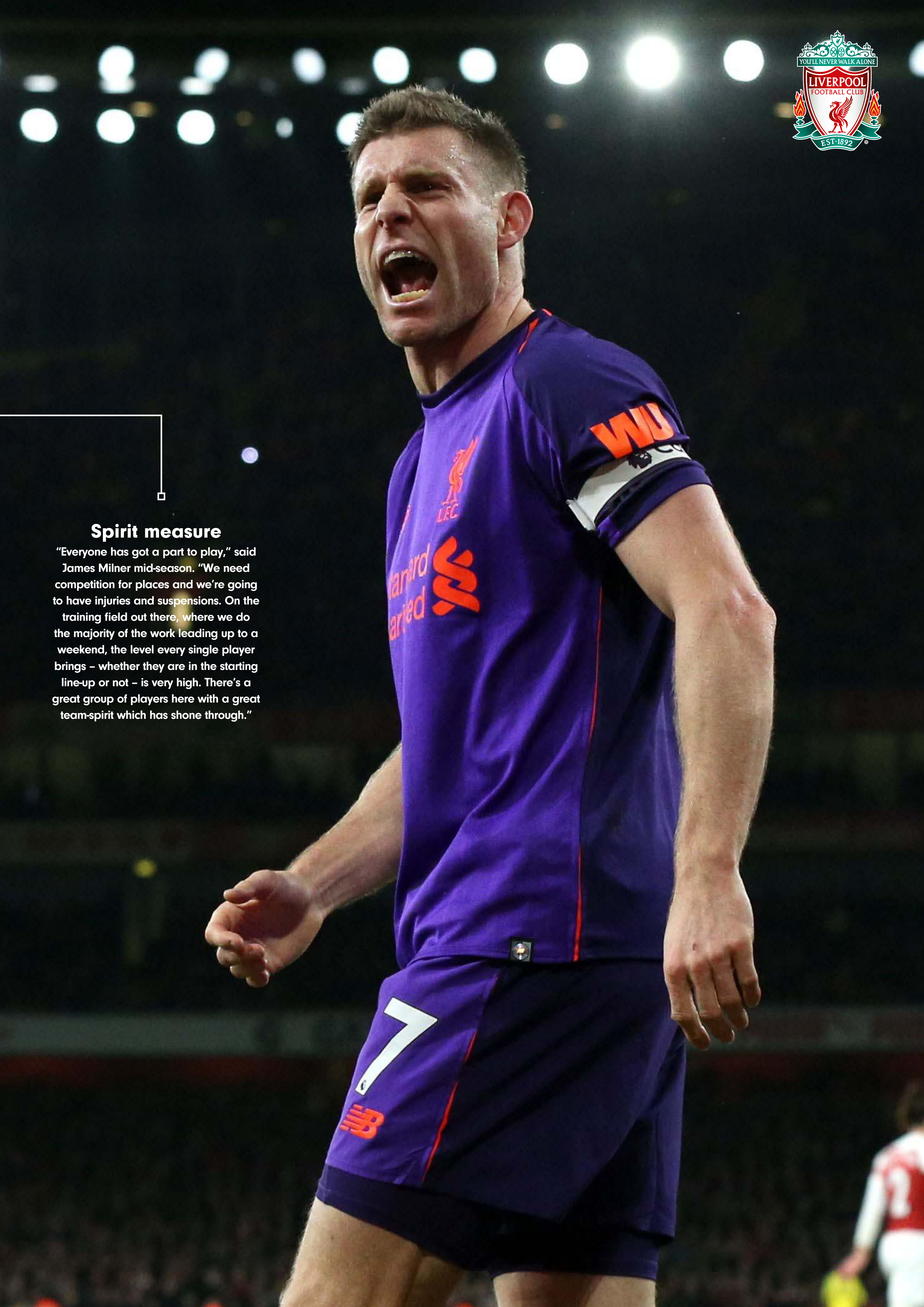
Attendance: 53,318. **Referee:** Graham Scott. **Carlsberg man of the match:** Mo Salah. **Goals:** Lovren (11), Salah (47pen), Shaqiri (79), Fabinho (85).
Rafa's Newcastle were ruthlessly dispatched on Boxing Day as Dejan Lovren scored his first goal of the season and sub Fabinho (below) got on the scoresheet for the first time as a Liverpool player. Mo, from the spot, and Shaq, with his fourth in four games, were also on target in Klopp's 100th win as manager. The Reds were also only the fourth team to be unbeaten at the halfway stage of a Premier League season.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Lovren, Van Dijk, Robertson (Clyne 82), Henderson (C), Wijnaldum (Fabinho 62), Shaqiri, Firmino (Sturridge 69), Mane, Salah.
Subs not used: Mignolet, Keita, Lallana, Origi.



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Spirit measure

"Everyone has got a part to play," said James Milner mid-season. "We need competition for places and we're going to have injuries and suspensions. On the training field out there, where we do the majority of the work leading up to a weekend, the level every single player brings – whether they are in the starting line-up or not – is very high. There's a great group of players here with a great team-spirit which has shone through."

Liverpool 5 Arsenal 1

***Saturday 29 December 2018 kick-off 5.30pm live on BT Sport*.**

Attendance: 53,326. **Referee:** Michael Oliver.
Carlsberg man of the match: Roberto Firmino.
Goals: Firmino (14, 16, 65pen), Mane (32), Salah (45 pen).
Bobby (below) netted his first Liverpool hat-trick to send the Reds seven points clear at the top of the Premier League with a thumping win despite the Gunners taking an early lead. Sadio was also on target and Mo converted from the spot after being upended in the box following a brilliant Alisson pass. "We were really good and did exactly what we wanted to do," says Jürgen Klopp.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Lovren, Van Dijk (C), Robertson (Clyne 83), Fabinho, Wijnaldum (Lallana 78), Shaqiri, Firmino, Mane (Henderson 62), Salah.
Subs not used: Mignolet, Keita, Sturridge, Origi.
Booked: Robertson.







Manchester City 2 Liverpool 1

Thursday 3 January 2019 kick-off 8pm
live on Sky Sports.

Attendance: 54,511. **Referee:** Anthony Taylor. **Carlsberg man of the match:** Virgil van Dijk. **Goal:** Firmino (64).

City ended Liverpool's unbeaten run in a frenetic contest. The Reds were just 11mm away from taking the lead after Sadio hit the post and John Stones almost smashed a clearance off goalie Ederson into his own net only to somehow clear it off the line. Sergio Aguero opened the scoring, Bobby equalised after a wonderful build-up (above), but Leroy Sane fired the decider.

Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Lovren, Van Dijk, Robertson, Milner (Fabinho 57), Henderson (C), Wijnaldum (Sturridge 86), Salah, Firmino, Mane (Shaqiri 77). Subs not used: Mignolet, Keita, Moreno, Lallana. Booked: Lovren, Wijnaldum.

Wolverhampton Wanderers 2 Liverpool 1

Monday 7 January 2019 kick-off 7.45pm
live on BBC1.

Attendance: 25,849. **Referee:** Paul Tierney. **Carlsberg man of the match:** Ki-Jana Hoever. **Goal:** Origi (51).

Three teenagers – 18-year-old Rafa Camacho, 17-year-old Curtis Jones and 16-year-old Ki-Jana Hoever – became the first players born in the 2000s to make their Liverpool debuts but the youthful Reds were knocked out of the FA Cup by Wolves for the second time in three seasons.

Team: Mignolet, Camacho, Lovren (Hoever 6), Fabinho, Moreno, Shaqiri, Milner (C), Keita, Jones (Firmino 70), Sturridge (Salah 70), Origi. Subs not used: Kelleher, Mane, Christie-Davies, Alexander-Arnold. Booked: Milner.





Brighton & Hove Albion 0 Liverpool 1

Saturday 12 January 2019 kick-off 3pm.

Attendance: 30,682. **Referee:** Kevin Friend.
Carlsberg man of the match: Mo Salah.
Goal: Salah (50 pen).
The Reds recorded their 50th clean-sheet under Klopp with Virgil van Dijk and Fabinho both in commanding form at the back. Mo scored from the spot as the Reds took their points tally to 57 from 22 games – just one less than the Champions League-winning side of 2004/05 accumulated in their 38-game Premier League campaign.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Fabinho, Van Dijk, Robertson, Henderson (C), Wijnaldum, Shaqiri (Milner 72), Firmino, Mane (Keita 90), Salah (Origi 90). Subs not used: Mignolet, Moreno, Matip, Camacho.



Liverpool 4 Crystal Palace 3

Saturday 19 January 2019 kick-off 3pm.

Attendance: 53,326. **Referee:** Jon Moss.

Carlsberg man of the match: Mo Salah.

Goals: Salah (46, 75), Firmino (53), Mane (90+3).

On the day when Liverpool FC commemorated the 100th anniversary of the birth of Bob Paisley, the current Reds overcame Roy Hodgson's Eagles by the odd goal in seven. Mo (above) got two, while Bobby scored the club's 1,000th Premier League goal and Sadio scored in added-time. James Milner was sent off by his former schoolteacher Jon Moss following a second bookable offence.

Team: Alisson; Milner, Matip, Van Dijk, Robertson; Fabinho (Lallana 87), Henderson (C), Keita (Shaqiri 71); Firmino; Mane, Salah (Camacho 90+4).

Shaqiri, Firmino, Mane (Henderson 62), Salah.

Subs not used: Mignolet, Moreno, Sturridge, Origi.

Booked: Milner. Sent off: Milner (second yellow).



Liverpool 1 Leicester City 1

Wednesday 30 January 2019 kick-off 8pm live on BT Sport.

Attendance: 53,092. **Referee:** Martin Atkinson.
Carlsberg man of the match: Sadio Mane.
Goal: Mane (3).

The Reds were held to a draw at Anfield for only the second time this season in freezing, sleety conditions but still extended their Premier League lead to five points at the top of the table. Mane netted after 121 seconds – Liverpool's quickest goal since April 2016 – but Maguire equalised in first-half stoppage-time. There was a minute's silence for Emiliano Sala and pilot David Ibbotson (above).

Team: Alisson, Henderson (C), Matip, Van Dijk, Robertson, Wijnaldum, Keita (Lallana 66), Shaqiri (Fabinho 60), Firmino (Sturridge 82), Mane, Salah. Subs not used: Mignolet, Lovren, Origi, Camacho. Booked: Matip.

West Ham United 1 Liverpool 1

Monday 4 February 2019 kick-off 8pm live on Sky Sports.

Attendance: 59,903. **Referee:** Kevin Friend. **Carlsberg man of the match:** Sadio Mane. **Goal:** Mane (22).

Sadio scored in his third consecutive Premier League game – his best run since August 2017 – to put the Reds ahead but West Ham hit back through Michail Antonio to earn their first-ever point against Liverpool at the London Stadium. After great work from Adam Lallana (left), it was James Milner who created Mane's goal to reach 81 Prem assists – one more than David Beckham.

Team: Alisson, Milner, Matip, Van Dijk, Robertson, Fabinho, Keita, Lallana (Shaqiri 69), Salah, Firmino (Origi 75), Mane. Subs not used: Mignolet, Sturridge, Jones, Camacho. Booked: Matip.



Leading man

Once again captain Jordan Henderson led by example and also revelled in a more advanced position in the second half of the season. "He's just a fantastic boy," said the manager. "He deserves all the praise but he doesn't get too much of it. Hendo, from my point-of-view, is a brilliant player. He's our skipper, he's a fantastic character. If I had to write a book about Hendo, it would be 500 pages."

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Mane of the moment

Season 2018/19 was arguably Sadio Mane's best yet in a red shirt. Mo has the pace and the deft finish. Bobby has the workrate and the artistry. Sadio's speciality is that instinctive and explosive strike-play that no opposing defence can legislate for. Consistently brilliant.

Liverpool 3 Bournemouth 0

Saturday 9 February 2019 kick-off 3pm.

Attendance: 53,178. **Referee:** Anthony Taylor.
Carlsberg man of the match: Gini Wijnaldum.
Goals: Mane (24), Wijnaldum (34), Salah (48).
Only LFC's sixth three o'clock kick-off on a Saturday afternoon. Midway through the first half Mane headed home before Gini netted with a fine finish (right), then Mo combined brilliantly with Bobby to make it three moments after the re-start. Prior to the game social-media has been abuzz with rallying calls from the fans and afterwards the players describe the atmosphere as inspiring.
Team: Alisson, Milner (C), Matip, Van Dijk, Robertson; Wijnaldum (Alexander-Arnold 77), Keita, Fabinho 60; Firmino (Sturridge 90), Mane (Origi 87), Salah.
Subs not used: Mignolet, Henderson, Lallana, Camacho.
Booked: Matip, Robertson.





Liverpool 0 Bayern Munich 0

Tuesday 19 February 2019 kick-off 8pm live on BT Sport.

Attendance: 52,250. **Referee:** Gianluca Roccho.
Carlsberg man of the match: Jordan Henderson.
A tough, physical first leg against top-class opponents in cold, wet conditions. Just like their predecessors in 1971 and 1981, Bayern Munich came to Anfield and left with a point after a goalless draw. Their resolute defensive display limited Liverpool to just two shots on target but still saw the Reds extend their unbeaten home record in Europe to 20 games.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Matip, Fabinho, Robertson, Wijnaldum, Henderson (C), Keita (Milner 76), Salah, Firmino (Origi 76), Mane. Subs not used: Mignolet, Sturridge, Moreno, Lallana, Shaqiri. Booked: Henderson.



Manchester United 0 Liverpool 0
Sunday 24 February 2019 kick-off 2.05pm live on Sky Sports.
Attendance: 74,519. **Referee:** Michael Oliver.
Carlsberg man of the match: Fabinho.
Liverpool ascended to the Premier League summit once more following a stop-start affair that lacked rhythm due to four players being subbed during the first half with injuries. The disruptions played a part in a dour stalemate with Alisson's fine interception to deny Lingard one of the few highlights.
Team: Alisson, Milner, Matip, Van Dijk, Robertson, Henderson (C) (Shaqiri 72), Fabinho, Wijnaldum, Salah (Origi 79), Firmino (Sturridge 31), Mane.
Subs not used: Mignolet, Keita, Lallana, Alexander-Arnold.
Booked: Milner, Shaqiri.



Liverpool 5 Watford 0

Wednesday 27 February 2019 kick-off 8pm.

Attendance: 53,316. **Referee:** Graham Scott.
Carlsberg man of the match: Trent Alexander-Arnold.
Goals: Mane (9, 20), Origi (66), Van Dijk (79, 82).
Full-backs Trent and Robbo created all five goals, with the Liverpudlian right-back becoming the youngest Premier League player to get three assists in one game. On the scoresheet: Mane with two (including an improvised back-heel finish), the hard-working Divock Origi (left), and Virgil van Dijk with a couple of late towering headers.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Matip, Van Dijk, Milner (C) (Henderson 70), Fabinho, Wijnaldum (Keita 84), Salah, Mane (Lallana 78), Origi.
Subs not used: Mignolet, Sturridge, Shaqiri, Camacho.

Everton 0 Liverpool 0

Sunday 3 March 2019 kick-off 4.15pm live on Sky Sports.

Attendance: 39,335. **Referee:** Martin Atkinson.
Carlsberg man of the match: Virgil van Dijk.
Another tough away trip to fierce rivals, another point gained and no goals conceded. The 0-0 draw in this 200th league derby meant the Reds set a new club-record by avoiding defeat for an eighth consecutive game at Goodison Park. Liverpool are now 17 games unbeaten against the Blues – the best-ever sequence for either club.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Matip, Van Dijk, Robertson, Henderson (C), Fabinho, Wijnaldum (Milner 63), Salah, Mane (Lallana 84), Origi (Firmino 63).
Subs not used: Mignolet, Keita, Sturridge, Shaqiri.
Booked: Robertson, Fabinho.





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Liverpool 4 Burnley 2

Sunday 10 March 2019 kick-off 12pm live on BT Sport.

Attendance: 53,310. **Referee:** Andre Marriner.
Carlsberg man of the match: Adam Lallana.
Goals: Firmino (19, 67), Mane (29, 90).

Reds boss Jürgen Klopp declared "Nobody gets rid of us" after Liverpool overcame difficult conditions and a tough Clarets side to claim three points and stay hot on the heels of City at the top. After Burnley scored from a corner, Bobby tapped in an equaliser, Sadio curled a cracker home, Firmino scored again and Mane sealed the points with his 50th goal for the Reds (above).

Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold (Sturridge 86), Matip, Van Dijk (C), Robertson, Wijnaldum (Henderson 68), Fabinho, Lallana (Keita 77), Salah, Firmino, Mane.
Subs not used: Mignolet, Lovren, Shaqiri, Origi.
Booked: Alisson, Fabinho.



Bayern Munich 1 Liverpool 3
Wednesday 13 March 2019 kick-off 8pm live on BT Sport.
Attendance: 68,145. **Referee:** Daniele Orsato.
Carlsberg man of the match: Sadio Mane.
Goals: Mane (26, 84), Van Dijk (69).
The Reds beat Bayern convincingly on their own ground to reach the Champions League quarter-finals. Sadio span brilliantly away from Bayern keeper Manuel Neuer to score before the hosts equalised with a Matip own-goal. A towering Van Dijk header (left) put Klopp's back in front before Mo picked out Mane to nod home his seventh away goal in the Champions League, a new club record.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Matip, Van Dijk, Robertson, Wijnaldum, Henderson (C) (Fabinho 13), Milner (Lallana 87), Salah, Firmino (Origi 83), Mane. Subs not used: Mignolet, Lovren, Sturridge, Shaqiri. Booked: Fabinho, Matip, Robertson.



Fulham 1 Liverpool 2
Sunday 17 March 2019 kick-off 2.15pm live on Sky Sports.
Attendance: 25,043. **Referee:** Craig Pawson.
Carlsberg man of the match: Sadio Mane.
Goals: Mane (26), Milner (81 pen).
This third game of the week saw Mane continue his red-hot scoring streak with his 17th Premier League goal of the season – and his eleventh in eleven games in all competitions – but Liverpool needed a late Milner penalty (left) to take all three points at Craven Cottage. Ex-Red Ryan Babel made an apologetic gesture after scoring the equaliser.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Matip, Van Dijk (C), Robertson, Wijnaldum, Fabinho, Lallana (Milner 72), Salah (Sturridge 90), Firmino (Origi 72), Mane. Subs not used: Mignolet, Lovren, Moreno, Shaqiri. Booked: Fabinho.

Liverpool 2 Tottenham Hotspur 1

Sunday 31 March 2019 kick-off 4.30pm live on Sky Sports.

Attendance: 53,322. **Referee:** Martin Atkinson.
Carlsberg man of the match: Virgil van Dijk.
Goals: Firmino (16), Alderweireld (90 og).
Nowhere does drama quite like Anfield and that proved to be the case once again as a 90th-minute Toby Alderweireld own-goal (right) gave Liverpool a vital three points to return to the top of the tree. Bobby's header had given us the lead only for Lucas Moura to equalise and Moussa Sissoko to blaze over after Virgil made him shoot on his weaker foot.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Matip, Van Dijk, Robertson, Wijnaldum, Henderson (C) (Origi 77), Milner (Fabinho 77), Salah (Lovren 90), Firmino, Mane.
Subs not used: Mignolet, Keita, Lallana, Shaqiri.



Southampton 1 Liverpool 3

Friday 5 April 2019 kick-off 8pm live on Sky Sports.

Attendance: 31,797. **Referee:** Paul Tierney.
Carlsberg man of the match: Mo Salah.
Goals: Keita (36), Salah (80), Henderson (86).
Naby Keita netted his debut Liverpool goal, Mo Salah netted his 50th for the Reds in the Premier League (below) and Jordan Henderson struck his first of the season as the visitors came from behind to record a vital Friday-night win. It meant Salah reached 50 Premier League goals for LFC in 69 games – beating Fernando Torres' club-record of 50 in 72 games.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold (Henderson 59), Matip, Van Dijk (C), Robertson, Wijnaldum (Milner 59), Fabinho, Keita (Lovren 88), Salah, Firmino, Mane.
Subs not used: Mignolet, Moreno, Shaqiri, Origi.
Booked: Salah, Robertson, Henderson, Mane.







Liverpool 2 Porto 0

Tuesday 9 April 2019 kick-off 8pm live on BT Sport.

Attendance: 52,465. **Referee:** Antonio Mateu Lahoz.
Carlsberg man of the match: Naby Keita.
Goals: Keita (5), Firmino (26).

Liverpool extended their unbeaten Euro run at Anfield to 21 games – 19 of them under Klopp's management – with this Champions League quarter-final first-leg victory courtesy of goals from Keita (left) and Firmino in the opening half-hour. Alisson made a smart save and there was a VAR scare when a potential handball by Trent was reviewed, but the Reds were full value for their two-goal lead.

Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Lovren, Van Dijk, Milner, Henderson (C), Fabinho, Keita, Salah, Firmino (Sturridge 82), Mane (Origi 73). Subs not used: Mignolet, Wijnaldum, Gomez, Shaqiri, Matip.



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Oh Andy Andy

Still unbeaten as a player at Anfield, left-back Andy Robertson signed a contract extension halfway through the campaign and one of the first to express his delight was Jürgen Klopp: "Everything about him screams Liverpool. Our supporters have fallen in love with him, he has fallen in love with them – and both he and his amazing young family are very much at home in Liverpool. It's fantastic this will now be their home for even longer."



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Absolutely Fab

Each new signing finds his way at his own pace, and once Brazilian midfielder Fabinho had settled into life at Liverpool FC and in the Premier League, everyone could see he was top-drawer – and only going to get better. Season 2019/20 could be something very special for this player.

Liverpool 2 Chelsea 0

Sunday 14 April 2019 kick-off 4.30pm live on Sky Sports.

Attendance: 53,279. **Referee:** Michael Oliver.
Carlsberg man of the match: Mo Salah.
Goals: Mane (51), Salah (53).
Salah scored a stunner after Sadio's headed deadlock-breaker to put the Reds top of the Premier League again on an afternoon when Anfield paid tribute to the 96 ahead of the 30th anniversary of Hillsborough. "It blew me away," said Jürgen Klopp of Mo's goal, "I was the first person in the stadium to know it was going in."
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Matip, Van Dijk, Robertson, Henderson (C) (Milner 77), Fabinho, Keita (Wijnaldum 66), Salah (Shaqiri 90), Firmino, Mane.
Subs not used: Mignolet, Lovren, Sturridge, Origi.



Porto 1 Liverpool 4

Wednesday 17 April 2019 kick-off 8pm live on BT Sport.

Attendance: 49,117. **Referee:** Danny Makkelie.
Carlsberg man of the match: Mo Salah.
Goals: Mane (26), Salah (65), Firmino (77), Van Dijk (84).
The home side started well but after Sadio's opener (above) was awarded by VAR the Reds took control. Mo made it 2-0 after the break with a clinical finish and although Porto pulled one back, Bobby's header ended their hopes and Virgil nodded home a fourth to set up a reunion with Suarez and Coutinho in the last four.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold (Gomez 66), Van Dijk, Matip, Robertson (Henderson 71), Wijnaldum, Fabinho, Milner (C), Salah, Mane, Origi (Firmino 77).
Subs not used: Mignolet, Keita, Sturridge, Shaqiri.
Booked: Mane.

Cardiff City 0 Liverpool 2

Sunday 21 April 2019 kick-off 4pm live on Sky Sports.

Attendance: 33,082. **Referee:** Martin Atkinson.

Carlsberg man of the match: Gini Wijnaldum.

Goals: Wijnaldum (57), Milner (81pen).

After a goalless first-half Gini broke the deadlock when he crashed home a cleverly-worked Alexander-Arnold corner. The Reds spurned other chances but when Mo is wrestled to the floor in the penalty box, up stepped substitute Milner, on for fellow substitute Fabinho, to seal victory and do his old-man-walking especially for team-mate Virg!

Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold (Gomez 86), Matip, Van Dijk, Robertson, Henderson (C), Wijnaldum, Keita (Fabinho 71, Milner 75)), Salah, Firmino, Mane. Subs not used: Mignolet, Sturridge, Shaqiri, Origi. Booked: Milner.



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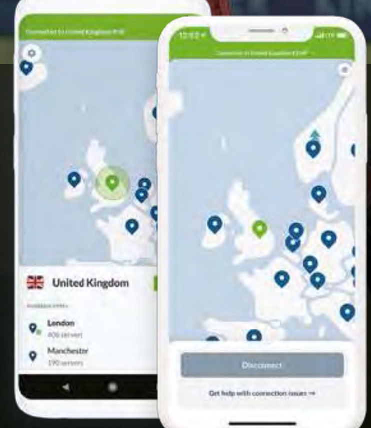
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Liverpool 5 Huddersfield Town 0

Friday 26 April 2019 kick-off 8pm live on Sky Sports.

Attendance: 53,248. **Referee:** Kevin Friend.

Carlsberg man of the match: Mo Salah.

Goals: Keita (1), Mane (23, 66), Salah (45, 83)

On a feel-good Friday evening at Anfield the Reds hit five goals and the Ox returned from injury. It took Naby just 15 seconds to open the scoring (below) with the quickest Premier League goal ever at Anfield – also Liverpool's 100th in all competitions this season – while Mo and Sadio netted a brace each. Alisson equalled Pepe Reina's club record of 20 clean-sheets in a PL campaign.

Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold (Gomez 88), Lovren, Van Dijk, Robertson, Henderson (C), Wijnaldum (Shaqiri 73), Keita, Salah, Sturridge (Oxlade-Chamberlain 73), Mane. Subs not used: Mignolet, Milner, Origi, Matip.





Barcelona 3 Liverpool 0

Wednesday 1 May 2019 kick-off 8pm live on BT Sport.

Attendance: 98,299. **Referee:** Bjorn Kuipers.
Carlsberg man of the match: Andy Robertson.
A goal from old boy Luis Suarez and a Lionel Messi double gave Barca a three-goal advantage on a night when Liverpool dominated possession but were unable to take their chances. "How we caused them problems was outstanding and we controlled the game in the second half," said Jürgen Klopp. "But football is like this. It's about scoring goals – and they scored three and we scored none."
Team: Alisson, Gomez, Matip, Van Dijk, Robertson, Milner (C) (Origi 84), Fabinho, Keita (Henderson 24), Salah, Wijnaldum (Firmino 78), Mane. Subs not used: Mignolet, Lovren, Shaqiri, Alexander-Arnold. Booked: Fabinho.

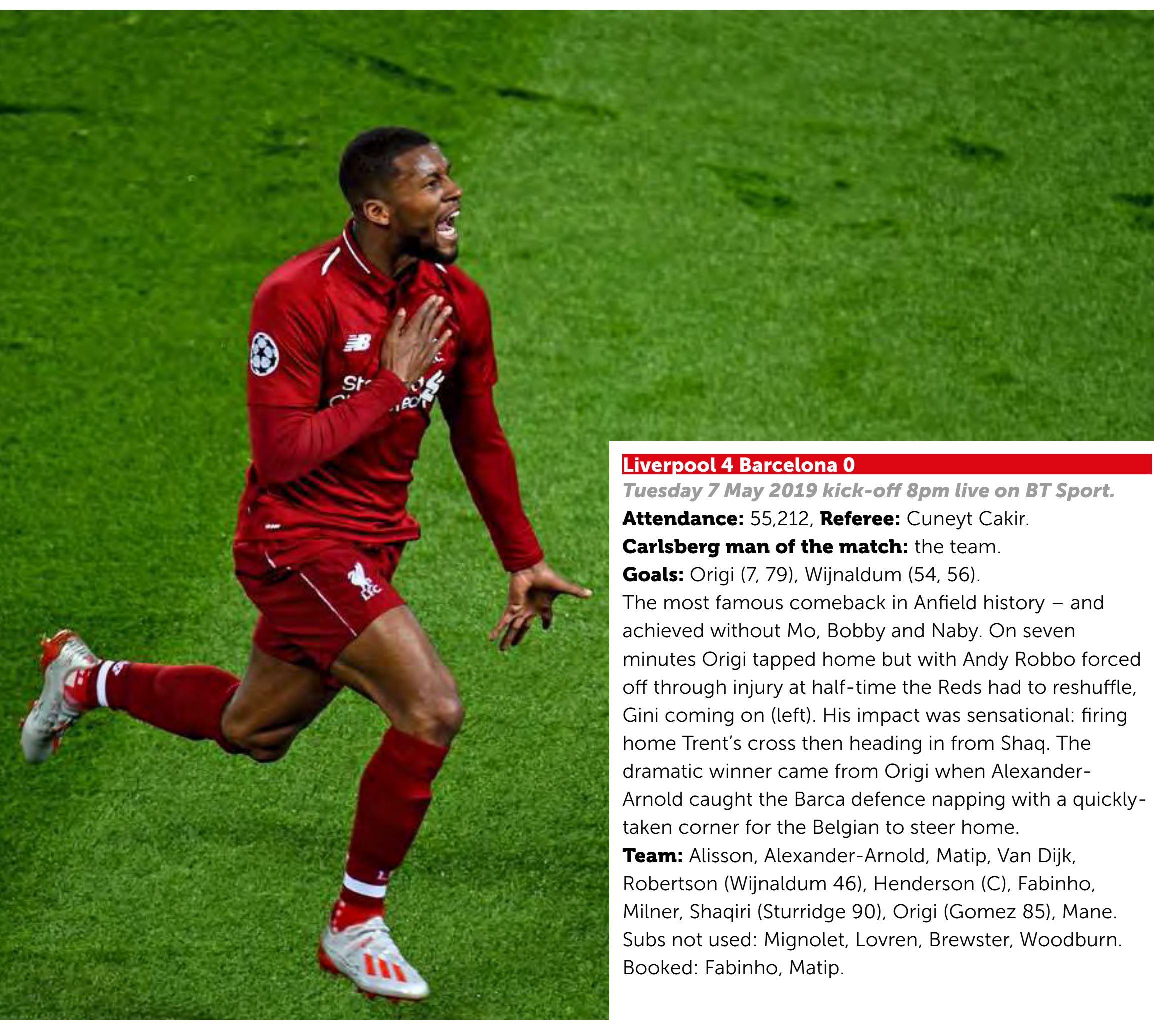
Newcastle United 2 Liverpool 3

Saturday 4 May 2019 kick-off 7.45pm live on Sky Sports.

Attendance: 52,205. **Referee:** Andre Marriner.
Carlsberg man of the match: Virgil van Dijk.
Goals: Van Dijk (13), Salah (28), Origi (86).
Saturday night on Tyneside left the manager – and the fans – running out of superlatives to describe this Liverpool team. Virgil headed in his fourth league goal of the season, Mo put us back in front with a sweet volley, Divock (right) broke the internet again. And the Reds became the first team in Premier League history to have at least two defenders provide 10-plus assists each in a single campaign: Trent and Andy both with eleven.
Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Lovren (Milner 83), Van Dijk, Robertson, Henderson (C), Fabinho, Wijnaldum (Shaqiri 66), Salah (Origi 73), Sturridge, Mane. Subs not used: Mignolet, Gomez, Oxlade-Chamberlain, Matip. Booked: Milner.







Liverpool 4 Barcelona 0

Tuesday 7 May 2019 kick-off 8pm live on BT Sport.

Attendance: 55,212, **Referee:** Cuneyt Cakir.

Carlsberg man of the match: the team.

Goals: Origi (7, 79), Wijnaldum (54, 56).

The most famous comeback in Anfield history – and achieved without Mo, Bobby and Naby. On seven minutes Origi tapped home but with Andy Robbo forced off through injury at half-time the Reds had to reshuffle, Gini coming on (left). His impact was sensational: firing home Trent's cross then heading in from Shaq. The dramatic winner came from Origi when Alexander-Arnold caught the Barca defence napping with a quickly-taken corner for the Belgian to steer home.

Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Matip, Van Dijk, Robertson (Wijnaldum 46), Henderson (C), Fabinho, Milner, Shaqiri (Sturridge 90), Origi (Gomez 85), Mane. Subs not used: Mignolet, Lovren, Brewster, Woodburn. Booked: Fabinho, Matip.



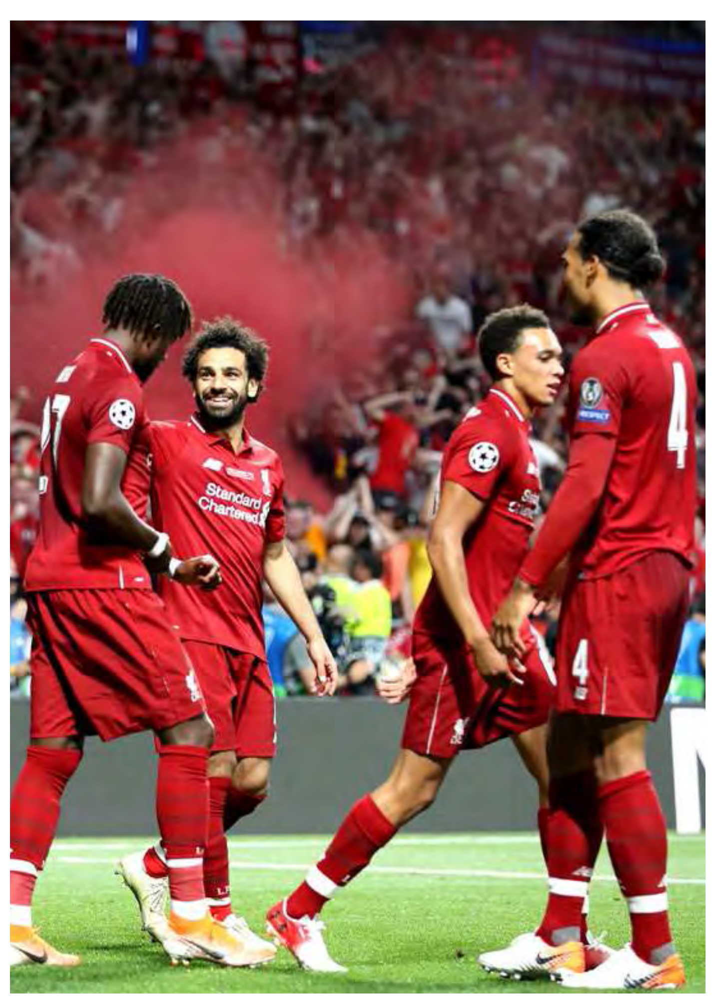
Liverpool 2 Wolverhampton Wanderers 0

Sunday 12 May 2019 kick-off 3pm.

Attendance: 53,331. **Referee:** Martin Atkinson.
Carlsberg man of the match: Sadio Mane.
Goals: Mane (17, 81).

You'll find all the season stats elsewhere in this issue. Suffice to say, Jürgen's Mighty Reds may not have won the Premier League – but what a wonderful ride it was. At a feelgood Anfield bathed in sunshine, just four-and-a-bit days after the euphoric Barcelona game, the team shrugged off midweek fatigue and the news filtering through from the South Coast, to do what they had to do: win this match. Two goals for Mane – who else – a lap of appreciation from the first-team squad and their families, and the pubs in and around the stadium packed for hours with singing supporters. If you're a fan of someone else and you just don't get it – sorry, you had to be there really.

Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Matip, Van Dijk, Robertson (Gomez 84), Henderson, Fabinho, Wijnaldum (Oxlade-Chamberlain 88), Salah, Origi (Milner 64), Mane. Subs not used: Lovren, Sturridge, Mignolet, Shaqiri.





Tottenham Hotspur 0 Liverpool 2

Saturday 1 June 2019 kick-off 8pm live on BT Sport.

Attendance: 63,272. **Referee:** Damir Skomina.
Carlsberg man of the match: Alisson Becker.
Goals: Salah (2pen), Origi (87).

In Madrid, we won it six times. Truth be told, it wasn't a classic. But, frankly, who cares? Mo Salah started things rolling after only two minutes when he converted a penalty awarded for a handball by Moussa Sissoko. Alisson was called upon several times in the second-half as Spurs stepped up their search for an equaliser in soaring temperatures. But it was the Reds who kept their cool late on to give their legions of fans across the globe a bout of Saturday night fever. Sub Divock Origi fired into the net behind which the Liverpool fans were gathered to send them into raptures of joy. The joy of six.

Team: Alisson, Alexander-Arnold, Matip, Van Dijk, Robertson, Henderson, Fabinho, Wijnaldum (Milner 62), Salah, Firmino (Origi 58), Mane (Gomez 90). Subs not used: Mignolet, Kelleher, Lovren, Gomez, Moreno, Lallana, Shaqiri, Sturridge, Brewster.


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IN STATS – how the Reds raised the bar as players, team, fans and club

Liverpool went unbeaten at home for a second successive league season for the first time since 1978/79 and 1979/80.

The Reds went 20 Premier League games with defeat from the beginning of the season – their best-ever start.

During the campaign Jürgen Klopp's team also went on an unbeaten run of 19 games in league and cup (ended by Barcelona) – their best since 1996.

The Reds were the last team in the top four divisions of English football to lose a league game in season 2018/19.

Of course they only lost one game in the league – their second best-ever performance, having been unbeaten in the 1893/94 season.

They equalled a club record of 30 league victories in a season.

They also equalled a club record by winning 13 away league games in a season – last achieved in 2008/09 and 1904/05.

At home Liverpool won 17 league games – their best since 19 in the 21-game season of 1978/79.

Those 97 points have been bettered by only three teams in top-flight history (adjusted for three-points-for-a-win) – Liverpool's 98 in 1978/79, Manchester City's 100 last season and 98 in 2018/19.

Liverpool achieved their best points-per-game ratio in their top-flight history at 2.55.

Liverpool earned 44 points away from home – a new club record, surpassing 43 won in 2008/09.

The side conceded only 12 goals away from home in the league – LFC's best since the same figure in 1978/79.

In total the Reds conceded 22 goals in the league – a club record for the modern Premier League era.

Liverpool scored 55 home league goals – their best in a season since 58 in the 21-game campaign of 1985/86.

The victory over Barcelona saw them become only the third team in history to overturn a three-goal first-leg deficit in a European Cup/Champions League semi-final.

LFC recorded a club-record average home league attendance of 53,174, beating the 53,113 set two seasons ago.

The Reds set a club record for the highest aggregate attendance in a single season at Anfield of 1,010,316, beating the 1,010,170 who watched them in 1972/73.

Alisson won the Golden Glove for keeping most clean-sheets in the Premier League, with 21 – the most by any Liverpool goalie since Ray Clemence kept 28 in 1978/79.

Mo Salah was quicker to 50 league goals (in 69 games) for Liverpool than any player in Liverpool history.

Mo reached the milestone of 69 goals in his first 100 games for Liverpool (in all competitions) – more in a first century of games than any other Reds player in history.

Naby Keita's goal against Huddersfield Town at Anfield was the quickest in Liverpool Premier League history, at 15 seconds.

When Virgil van Dijk was awarded the PFA Players' player of the year award, a year after Mo Salah, it it was the first time that Liverpool players had won it in successive years since Kenny Dalglish and Ian Rush in 1983 & 84.

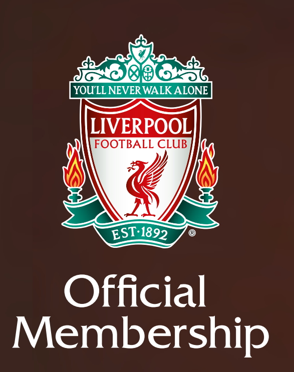
Trent Alexander-Arnold, Virgil van Dijk, Andy Robertson and Sadio Mane were all named in the PFA team of the year – the most they've had in a team since 1989/90.





Our number nine

Bobby had to sit out the last few games with an injury sustained in training, but his contribution to the season was already immense. Jürgen Klopp: "For one home game we had 20 German coaches were in the stadium [and] when I saw them they were saying 'Bobby Firmino – what a player!' Because of the small things he does, he works so hard, he's here, he's there, he gets goals but he opens 5,000 gaps for everybody. He's doing the job – that makes him so unbelievably valuable for us." He returned to start the Champions League final and ended the campaign with a winner's medal.

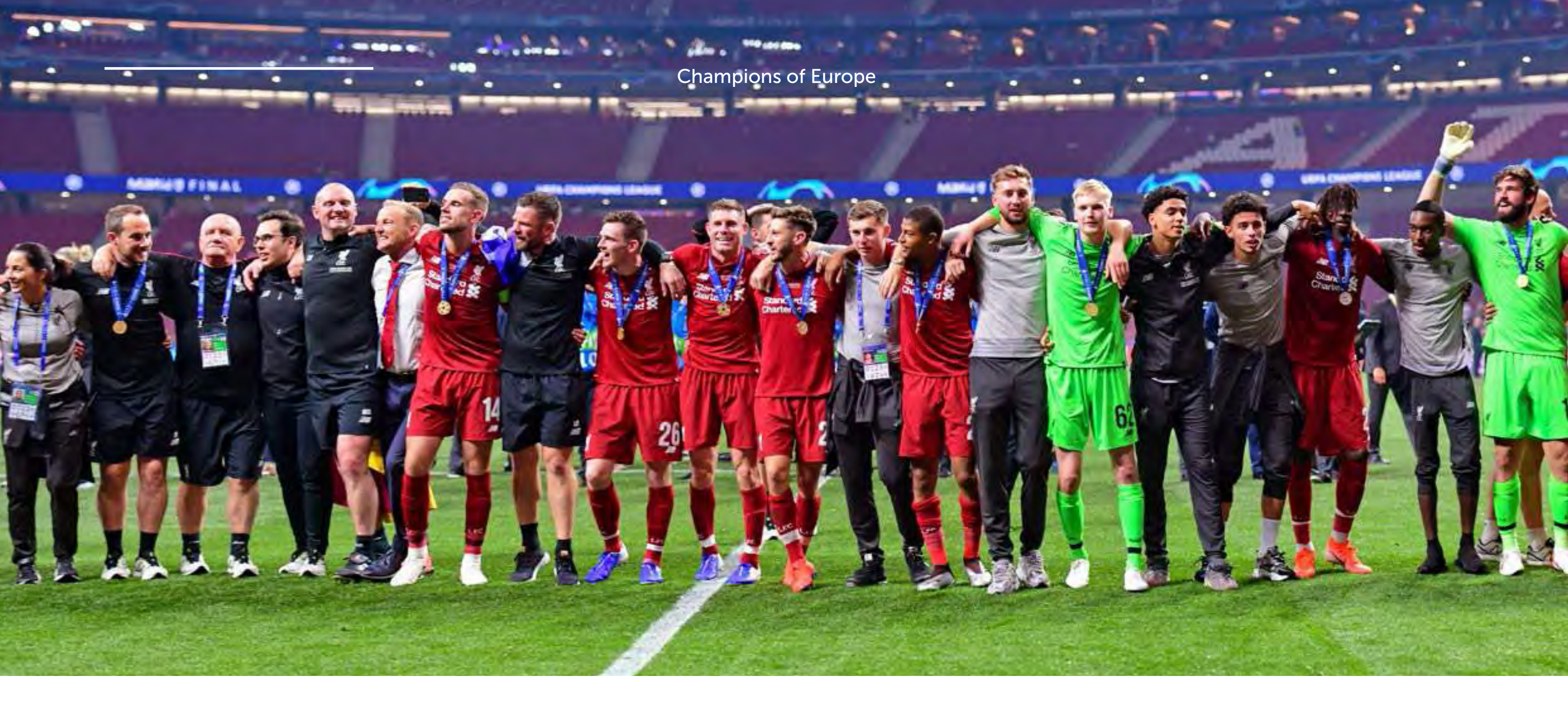


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What Liverpool's triumphant squad said after bringing home the famous trophy for a sixth time



James Milner

It will be nice going to Melwood and seeing number six there. When I signed for the club I was desperate to add trophies as this club expects to win trophies. It has an amazing history, but we want to create our own history.

We have started that and put a trophy on the board. When I was at City and we won the first FA Cup, that was massive for us and gave us the belief and the winning mentality that we can do it, and hopefully this will be the same. We will enjoy it for as long as we can, but we'll come back pre-season and go again.

Obviously, after last year and getting 97 points in the league this year and not getting it over the line, this was great heart from the boys.

There were a lot of tired people out there. There was a lot of emotion. Last year helped us, and the Europa League final before that. It helps when you have been there before and we have done it.

We did not play well but a cup final is all about getting the result. It shows how much we have come on as a team and that is the effort and experience of getting to those finals and those disappointments that we saw the job through.

It was a tough game. Sometimes scoring early is great, but the scoreboard can knock you out of your stride. It is something we spoke about earlier in the week and we probably did not deal with it as well as possible, but the first trophy is always the hardest one to win for a group of players and hopefully that will help us.

You can see the improvement over the last few years since the manager has come in and seen how the team has improved. That has been something we have done well this year when we have not played well but still got the results.

Andy Robertson

I believed it was possible, but it was all about how we used the disappointment of getting beat in the final [last year]. Luckily we used it to our advantage. We used that as motivation. We used it as motivation in pre-season – more so to get all the fitness in our legs, so we were ready and the determination to get off to a good start in the season. Luckily we did that. I think teams can go one or two ways if they have that disappointment – it can easily set them back and they can struggle. Luckily we've not done that. I still remember how I felt for even days after the cup final. It wasn't a nice feeling so you want to be on the winning side, of course you do. We'll be doing everything to

not have that feeling again this year.

This team has been tested all season and people have questioned whether we can keep up with City, keep going with our title charge and keep going in the Champions League – 'should we concentrate on one of them?' Of course we just fell short in the Premier League but we did keep up with Man City. We took them right until the last day and they won it by a point. I think I said after the game, credit goes to them, but we did push them and we have had a hell of a season and, of course, disappointment. But [it's] one we can look back on with pride when the time comes.

We needed to try to go and get the Champions League trophy because we feel that [with] everything we've put in this season it was amazing to cap it off like that. The way the fans have conducted themselves this season as well, they deserved a trophy after the disappointment of last season and obviously the last day of this [Premier League] season. We hoped that we could do that for them and for the club. That was our motivation.

Ali was the man, wasn't he? A lot was said about Ali when he first came, a lot of pressure on him. My God, he's been unbelievable this season. [Against Spurs], it was an absolute joke the way he made the saves and everything. He was different class. It's down to him that we kept a clean-sheet."



Trent Alexander-Arnold

It's hard to put into words what has just happened, and the celebrations that will happen tonight.

The season we have had, I think we have deserved it more than any other team. The run that we have had, we have beaten everyone in our path and we have done something special again tonight.

Origi getting the late goal has finished Tottenham off. We were being dominated through parts of the game but we are a world-class side and we showed we can win any game.

When we look back on tonight we are not going to think it was a sluggish game, we are going to think we have just won the European Cup. And we have just done it for all these fans.

I'm just a normal lad from Liverpool whose dream has just come true.



Mo Salah

I looked at a picture from last year [2018 Champions League final v Real Madrid]. I just looked at it one time and said, 'Okay, let's go'.

I was very disappointed that I got injured after 30 minutes and we lost the game. It was something to motivate me to win this time. I do believe in fate. Our job is more mental and you have to believe in yourself before the game. You could see the players – we were believing in ourselves in the game. I think everything happens for a reason and the reason for us to lose last season was to come back and win it again.

We play every year with ambition, This year our target was the Champions League and the Premier League. We lost the Premier League by one point so that was also a big disappointment. You can't finish your season with losing a game. We did everything to win the game and we deserved it.

It's the first trophy with Liverpool and it's the Champions League. Something special. It's the start. We will go next season for the Premier League. This season we were really fighting for the Premier League, last season we were basically fighting for the Champions League and the year before the Europa League.

We lost the Premier League with one point against Man City, which was well-deserved.

The average age of the team is 26/27 so we still have young players. It is good experience for us to win the trophy now and also last season we learned a lot.

As you can see we were more calm, scored a second goal after 86 or 87 minutes and we were patient in the game.

I prepared myself [for the penalty] before the game. I scored a penalty to send Egypt to the World Cup final after 28 years in the last minute, so this was easier. It's great. The final of the Champions League, take a penalty, show the courage and also to win the trophy.

I don't want to take anything away from Tottenham. They were great today, a good team who deserved to be in the final. They had an unbelievable competition. What I can say to them is, 'Sorry, and good luck in the future'.





Joel Matip

I know it's one of the biggest games, but I just wanted to enjoy that I had the opportunity. It's the kind of game you want to play as a kid. It's really good that we have had so many wins this season. It's hard to compare different parts of my career, but I am really enjoying the time now and, of course, winning the Champions League is an incredible feeling.

Roberto Firmino on Instagram

With God it was very different. He told me to go ahead. When I felt afraid to follow, He said, 'Firmino, proceed, I made you to be a winner'. All honour and glory to you.

Fabinho on Instagram

Living a dream. Thank you, Liverpool! My brothers. God is good all the time.

Adam Lallana on Instagram

Still scrolling through your camera roll from the weekend? Yeah... me too. This is why it's all worth it... even in my dreams it never felt this good. What an achievement from an incredible team. YNWA. Thank you Liverpool... that was unreal.

Xherdan Shaqiri on Instagram

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Divock Origi

It feels good. I think today we can celebrate. We have a wonderful team and Liverpool is celebrating today, we can feel it.
It means a lot to the people, I can see it in their eyes and in their reaction. It means so much and it's beautiful for us because we give so much on the pitch and whenever you come back and you get a welcome like this it's always good.

Alisson Becker

I have no words to explain it. I thought it was a great thing just winning the Champions League, but when you are here feeling the emotion of these people, our supporters, it's amazing. I'm happy to have my team-mates because this team deserved to win something big this season because we made a great season in the Premier League and the Champions League. I put my heart on the pitch and I gave my best for my team-mates to win the title and bring the cup to Liverpool.







Jordan Henderson

Without this manager, this is impossible. You go through tough times in a season, but what he has done since coming in is unbelievable. There's such a togetherness, he has created a special dressing-room – all the praise goes to the manager. I'm so proud to be a part of this football club and to cap it with this is so special to me.

I've had tough times but I've kept going – just as this club has. It's the best moment of my life, this is what I dreamed of since I was a kid. It's not about me, it's not about me being captain or lifting the trophy, it's about this club, these players, this manager. Now we must keep going and kick on.

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Gini Wijnaldum

We are still in a moment where we have to realise that we have just won the Champions League! What a season we had. It's good that we finished it with a medal.

We played better games this season, but at the end it doesn't matter if you win the game. We could have done better but I prefer not to play well and to win the game, because they played quite well and didn't win it. That's what we learned during the years.

Let's hope that this is just the beginning because that means we still can win titles. If this is the beginning, it's a good beginning and hopefully more [trophies] will follow. Next, hopefully, we can win the Premier League.

The parade was amazing. It's difficult to put into words, it's something you have to feel. It's phenomenal. You see how many people come to see the bus tour, it's more than I expected.

To see grandmas, grandpas, babies, all kinds of ages – you see how much it means to the city.

Virgil van Dijk

The parade was amazing, it's something special. You have to really experience it. It's unbelievable what it does to the city and obviously to the club as well. I'm very proud to be sitting on this coach and hopefully we can have more days like this.

I think there's still more to come but it's already been past my expectations. I'm just taking everything in and enjoying every bit of it with all of these fans.

Sadio Mane

It was a long way to go, but we finally did it together. It was not easy, but that's what makes people love football.

We are very proud and very happy to win this trophy. The dream has come true. I could not have anything better. I can't describe how good Alisson was – I saw him make incredible saves for us. We are very happy to have him in our squad. He makes us even better. For me, he is the best in the world.

We have more things to come. We will do everything to win [more] trophies with this squad.

Naby Keita on Instagram

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Daniel Sturridge

We had a long talk as a group of players on Wednesday [before the game]. I think that was important – to speak as a group of lads, without any staff involved, just the players hashing it out.

We were all in there and if anyone wants to say anything, anyone can say what they want to say. It was just like: 'Look, it's our time, we've prepared ourselves as best we can'.

It was just about 'if we go behind how do we deal with it? If we go ahead how do you deal with it?' And we haven't had those conversations before.

I feel like maybe before the Europa League final we didn't prepare as well. Last season we said, 'We didn't prepare well the season before and we have learnt'.

This year we have had two finals now, so you have learnt so much more. I think that's what makes teams so successful. They have experienced it.

We have been working tirelessly for so long to achieve something special as a group of players, and all the backroom staff, and we have got so close so many times, we felt as if, 'are we ever going to win a trophy?'

So, to be able to do it, to be able to lift silverware is what you work for every day, day in day out, as a group of players. And it's a beautiful feeling.

I just think that the most difficult thing is winning a trophy with a manager that you have not won a trophy with before. It's difficult. So to be able to win the first trophy and understand 'we can do it' is important.

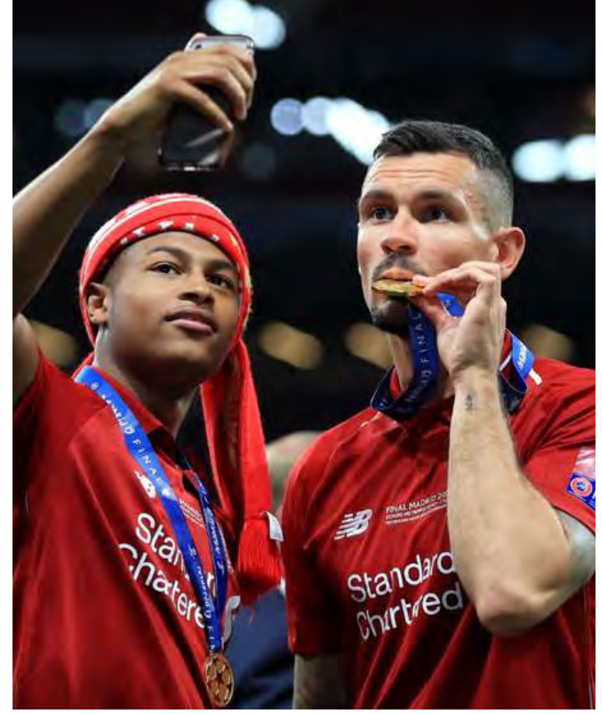
There are always little things that you can nit-pick about that you didn't do, so to be able to win – that's what it's all about, it's amazing. The difference is that the heartache never goes away: you always think about it.

There is a difference between experiencing losses and experiencing wins. I think when you win there is elation and you don't look at mistakes so much.

I contributed, as did the players who haven't even played a minute. There are guys who have been on the bench and haven't played a single minute, but they have been a part of it: from training, to acting like the opposition that we have been playing against, to doing a job, to sacrificing themselves and the way that they play, just to train to do a job on the training field, to help them prepare themselves the best way that they can. It's amazing.







Joe Gomez

It's an amazing feeling to share with all the boys. It's special, seriously. You see all the people [at the parade]: it sums up what it means to play for the club and it's special to be part of history.

Dejan Lovren

What we did in previous years, unfortunately we lost a couple of finals. But all these people never stopped believing in us. It's a gift to them and they say thank you. It's both ways – incredible. Sometimes you need to be knocked down to get up again. It's about character, it's about emotions, it's about many things. I think this team has everything.



Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain on Instagram

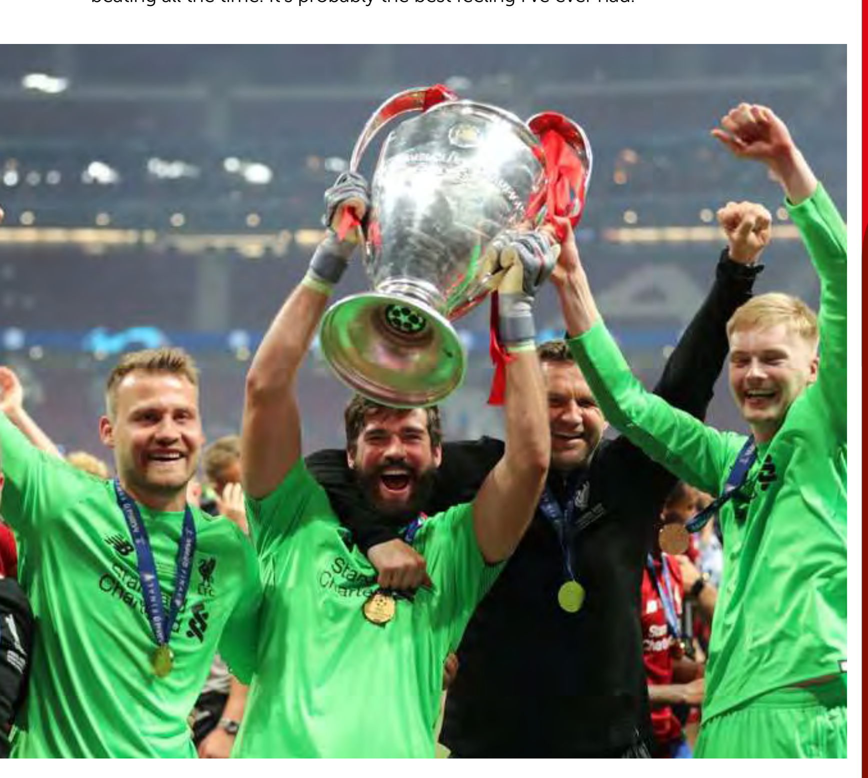
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Simon Mignolet on Instagram

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Caoimhin Kelleher

I can't describe it. It was nerve-wrecking on the bench. My heart was beating all the time. It's probably the best feeling I've ever had.





Rhian Brewster on Instagram

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Alberto Moreno on Instagram

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MORE SIX APPEAL!

Six Liverpool players have been included in UEFA's Champions League squad of the season.

The champions of Europe are represented by Alisson Becker, Virgil van Dijk, Trent Alexander-Arnold, Andy Robertson, Georginio Wijnaldum and Sadio Mane in the 20-man squad.

The list of players was compiled by UEFA's technical observers, who based their decisions on performances in the 2018/19 competition.



BACK TO ISTANBUL

Liverpool will contest the 2019 UEFA Super Cup against Chelsea in Istanbul on 14 August 2019 after winning the Champions League.

The one-off fixture will be hosted at Besiktas Park. It will be the club's first participation in the spectacle since 2005, when Rafael Benitez's side beat CSKA Moscow 3-1 in Monaco.

Chelsea, meanwhile, booked their spot in the match by beating Arsenal 4-1 in the Europa League final.



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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

LFC Foundation takes Primary Stars to Boston ahead of this summer's pre-season tour

The Reds are heading Stateside again this summer, playing in three historic sporting venues as part of their 2019/20 pre-season preparations, and LFC Foundation has also been across the Pond to deliver its Premier League Primary Stars (PLPS) programme to hundreds of youngsters in Boston.

The club's official charity teamed up with the Premier League, Cardiff City FC and EverFi educational technology company to visit local schools and community programmes across the city.

PLPS uses the appeal of the Premier League to inspire children to learn, be active and develop important life-skills. It's available to every primary school in England and Wales, and a bespoke USA programme currently engages 12,000 elementary school children in America.

David McParland, LFC Foundation project-lead, said: "It's been a fantastic week and we're really looking forward to getting back out here in July on the club's pre-season tour and reaching even more of the local community."



Jürgen Klopp's men will visit Fenway Park in Boston, Yankee Stadium in New York City and Notre Dame Stadium in South Bend, Indiana at the University of Notre Dame, with the club taking an active role in key local community projects in each of the three locations.

Kicking off the trip, the University of Notre Dame will host a competitive football match for the first time in the 90-year history of its 77,000-seat venue, when the Reds face Borussia Dortmund on Friday 19 July 19.

Next it's a return to the home of the Boston Red Sox, Fenway Park, to meet old rivals Sevilla on Sunday 21 July. Then on Wednesday 24 July the famous Yankee Stadium baseball field will be transformed into a football pitch when Liverpool take on Sporting of Lisbon.

Billy Hogan, LFC's managing director and chief commercial officer, says: "We're heading to three incredible locations – each of the stadiums has their own deep-rooted heritage similar to our own.

"This trip to the USA will be very special and we're looking forward to having as many of our supporters with us along the way."















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What's On

READY FOR SOME MORE?

Take a deep breath and press that re-set button! After accumulating a club-record 97 Premier League points in a sensational campaign, Jürgen and the lads will be raring to go again and the fixture list for 2019/20 will be released at 9am on Thursday 13 June.

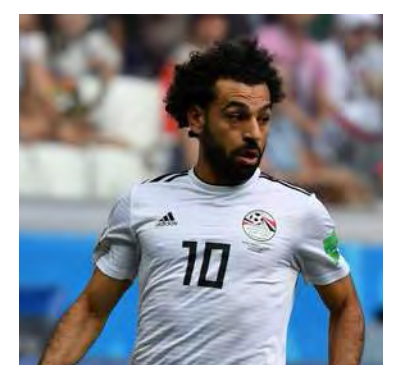
The season begins on the weekend of Saturday 10 August 2019 and concludes on Sunday 17 May 2020.

Before the return of club football in earnest, however, plenty of Reds will be in action in major international tournaments this month. Forward Mo Salah will be aiming to help Egypt to victory on home soil in the first summer staging of the Africa Cup of Nations.

Sadio Mane's Senegal and Naby Keita's Guinea are also among the 24 finalists for the competition which runs from Friday 21 June to Friday 19 July.

Also aiming for home success are Brazilian duo Alisson and Roberto Firmino when the Copa America kicks off in Sao Paulo on 14 June. The final will be held at the Maracana in Rio on 7 July.





Elsewhere, England and Holland will be looking for a place in the inaugural UEFA Nations League final in Portugal on Saturday 9 June. Jordan Henderson, Trent Alexander-Arnold and Joe Gomez were set to come up against Virgil van Dijk and Gini Wijnaldum in the semis on 6 June bidding to progress to a date with Portugal or Xherdan Shaqiri's Switzerland in the showpiece occasion at Porto's Estadio do Dragao.

The women's World Cup also gets underway in France with Liverpool's Christie Murray in the Scotland squad. The Scots' first game is a tasty-looking encounter against England in Nice on Sunday 9 June!

Closer to home, some of the biggest names in rock music will be at Anfield this month. Reds fan Gary Barlow will be on stage with Take That, while Bon Jovi and Pink will also play concerts in front of the Kop.









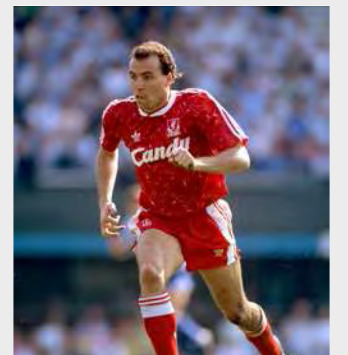
ALL THOSE YEARS AGO...

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52 years since goalie Ray Clemence signed for LFC on 24 June 1967.

29 years since Israeli striker Ronny Rosenthal signed permanently for the Reds on 29 June 1990.



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52 on 16 June

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2018/19 Results

AUGUST		SCORE/KO	TV	SCORERS
12	**West Ham United (H)**	**4-0**	**sky**	**Mane 2, Salah, Sturridge**
20	Crystal Palace (A)	2-0	sky	Milner (pen), Mane
25	**Brighton and Hove Albion (H)**	**1-0**	**BT**	**Salah**
SEPTEMBER				
1	Leicester City (A)	2-1	sky	Mane, Firmino
15	Tottenham Hotspur (A)	2-1	sky	Wijnaldum, Firmino
18	**Paris St-Germain (UCL, H)**	**3-2**	**BT**	**Sturridge, Milner (pen), Firmino**
22	**Southampton (H)**	**3-0**		**Hoedt (og), Matip, Salah**
26	**Chelsea (CC3, H)**	**1-2**	**sky**	**Sturridge**
29	Chelsea (A)	1-1	BT	Sturridge
OCTOBER				
3	Napoli (UCL, A)	0-1	BT	
7	**Manchester City (H)**	**0-0**	**sky**	
20	Huddersfield Town (A)	1-0	BT	Salah
24	**Red Star Belgrade (UCL, H)**	**4-0**	**BT**	**Firmino, Salah 2 (1 pen), Mane**
27	**Cardiff City (H)**	**4-1**		**Salah, Mane 2, Shaqiri**
NOVEMBER				
3	Arsenal (A)	1-1	BT	Milner
6	Red Star Belgrade (UCL, A)	0-2	BT	
11	**Fulham (H)**	**2-0**	**BT**	**Salah, Shaqiri**
24	Watford (A)	3-0		Salah, Alexander-Arnold, Firmino
28	Paris St-Germain (UCL, A)	1-2	BT	Milner (pen)
DECEMBER				
2	**Everton (H)**	**1-0**	**sky**	**Origi**
5	Burnley (A)	3-1		Milner, Firmino, Shaqiri
8	Bournemouth (A)	4-0	sky	Salah 3, Cook (og)
11	**Napoli (UCL, H)**	**1-0**	**BT**	**Salah**
16	**Manchester United (H)**	**3-1**	**sky**	**Mane, Shaqiri 2**
21	Wolverhampton Wanderers (A)	2-0	sky	Salah, Van Dijk
26	**Newcastle United (H)**	**4-0**		**Lovren, Salah (pen), Shaqiri, Fabinho**
29	**Arsenal (H)**	**5-1**	**BT**	**Firmino 3 (1 pen), Mane, Salah (pen)**
JANUARY				
3	Manchester City (A)	1-2	sky	Firmino
7	Wolverhampton W (FA Cup 3, A)	1-2	BBC	Origi
12	Brighton and Hove Albion (A)	1-0		Salah (pen)
19	**Crystal Palace (H)**	**4-3**		**Salah 2, Firmino, Mane**
30	**Leicester City (H)**	**1-1**	**BT**	**Mane**
FEBRUARY				
4	West Ham United (A)	1-1	sky	Mane
9	**Bournemouth (H)**	**3-0**		**Mane, Wijnaldum, Salah**
19	**Bayern Munich (UCL R16 1, H)**	**0-0**	**BT**	
24	Manchester United (A)	0-0	sky	
27	**Watford (H)**	**5-0**		**Mane 2, Origi, Van Dijk 2**
MARCH				
3	Everton (A)	0-0	sky	
10	**Burnley (H)**	**4-2**	**BT**	**Firmino 2, Mane 2**
13	Bayern Munich (UCL R16 2, A)	3-1	BT	Mane 2, Van Dijk
17	Fulham (A)	2-1	sky	Mane, Milner (pen)
31	**Tottenham Hotspur (H)**	**2-1**	**sky**	**Firmino, Alderweireld (og)**
APRIL				
5	Southampton (A)	3-1	sky	Keita, Salah, Henderson
9	**FC Porto (UCL q-f 1, H)**	**2-0**	**BT**	**Keita, Firmino**
14	**Chelsea (H)**	**2-0**	**sky**	**Mane, Salah**
17	FC Porto (UCL q-f 2, A)	4-1	BT	Mane, Salah, Firmino, Van Dijk
21	Cardiff City (A)	2-0	sky	Wijnaldum, Milner (pen)
26	**Huddersfield Town (H)**	**5-0**	**sky**	**Keita, Mane 2, Salah 2**
MAY				
1	FC Barcelona (UCL s-f 1, A)	0-3	BT	
4	Newcastle United (A)	3-2	sky	Van Dijk, Salah, Origi
7	**FC Barcelona (UCL s-f 2, H)**	**4-0**	**BT**	**Origi 2, Wijnaldum 2**
12	**Wolverhampton Wanderers (H)**	**2-0**	**sky**	**Mane 2**
JUNE				
1	Tottenham Hostpur (UCL final, N)	2-0	BT	Salah (pen), Origi

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If you think back to Kiev twelve months ago and what we were missing that night, it's clear that Alisson has been a huge signing. His presence helped Liverpool a lot in Madrid and he made some important saves with the score at 1-0.

I also thought that Fabinho and Jordan Henderson were both outstanding in midfield in the way they protected the defence and both Virgil van Dijk and Joel Matip played exceptionally well at centre-half.

If you look at Liverpool defensively, it really shows the progression we have made in the twelve months since losing to Real Madrid. Yes, our attack wasn't as fluent as it can be against Spurs, but they still scored two goals. Put the two things together and Liverpool are European champions.

One of the strengths of the group that Jürgen has created is an ability to stay together and put disappointments, such as not winning the Premier League, behind them. The players will have been hurting not to win the league title, thinking how is it possible to get to 97 points and not be champions? But they refocused, went into a high-pressure situation when they were expected to win and delivered.

It also says a lot that Liverpool substitutes contributed 17 goals this season, including one in the final. It shows there is a squad mentality, that even though players are disappointed to be named on the bench they'll still come on and perform.

The attitude those players have shown displays their professionalism and that is important because if substitutes reflect their disappointment and don't perform, it can have a hugely negative effect on a dressing-room.

Divock Origi is a good example. He had a disappointing loan-spell last year in Germany and only played for 11 minutes before December, coming on away to Red Star Belgrade. He must have been thinking he was way down the pecking-order and wouldn't get game-time, but he kept working hard in training to impress the manager and coaching staff.

Klopp brought him on for his first Premier League appearance of the season against Everton at Anfield with six minutes to go and he scored the winner in the 96th minute. Look what has happened since. He came on to score the winner at Newcastle, netted twice in the 4-0 semi-final comeback against Barcelona and has now scored for Liverpool in a Champions League final victory.

That is a huge moment for any player so it is credit to him for not giving up on being a Liverpool player. He will have seen, while out on loan, that it's not great when you leave Liverpool so has proved he is desperate to stay here.. That has been reflected in the big moments he's had.

Of course standing on the podium as Jordan Henderson lifted the European Cup was a big moment for every player, something they will all have dreamed of, because winning the Champions League is the ultimate in club football.

That feeling of success, and sharing it with your team-mates, the staff and the fans – who turned out in their numbers in Madrid – will live with them forever and they'll want to experience it again.

I no longer fear Liverpool losing key players. We have a young, hungry squad who believe they can have sustained success here and a manager who has connected all aspects of the football club. We genuinely all feel like we're doing our bit to help the team on the pitch.

It all started following the 2-2 draw against West Brom at Anfield in 2015 – when Origi got a late equaliser and Klopp took his players down to the Kop to celebrate. He was laughed at for that and even to Liverpool fans it was an unknown as we should be beating sides like West Brom, but it was a moment when he was saying 'there are good times ahead if we stick together'.

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